

NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 2018

- The Club Championship had to be canceled due to wet playing conditions on the DFW courses. Tournament Chairman, Rod Wells is attempting to re-schedule the Championship this month. Watch the website for announcements.
- Can you putt like Tiger Woods? See the accompanying snippet in this newsletter.
- The Heritage Ranch tournament on Oct. 24 will be played as the “Sid Thrash Memorial” in remembrance of our good friend, Sid Thrash who passed away in August. Sid lived at Heritage Ranch.
- Nine new members are added to the roster this month. See their introductions in this newsletter.
- Voting for the 2019 Officers/Directors will take place at all tournament sites this month. See the sample ballot in this newsletter. You may cut the ballot from this newsletter or pick one up at the course.
- Sign-up for the annual Banquet will also take place this month at each tournament site. The Banquet is scheduled for Nov. 16 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Addison.
- The five courses on our schedule this month are very popular...Sign up early.

BIRTHDAY’S FOR OCTOBER

Phil Abel 20th
Dick Fargo 6th
Bob King 21st
Bob Murphy 6th
John Stieneker 31st
Joe Bob Wheeler 24th

Phil Bonds 22nd
Dick Fryar 12th
Russ Medlin 19th
Jim Rowley 24th
Paul Vessels 4th
Harold Wilkowsky 20th

Scott Crabtree 1st
Randy George 30th
David Miller 27th
Pat Scarborough 3rd
Bobby Vetkoetter 23rd
Gary Zimmerman 15th

Kelly DeWitt 21st
Phil Head 21st
Wayne Mueller 31st
Dave Self 11th
Mark Wagner 23rd

TANGLERIDGE SHAMBLE

The tournament at Tangleridge on Oct. 17 will be played as the “Tangleridge Shamble”. Teams will be randomly selected by computer with A-B-C-D players. This is a chance to meet many of the new members and participate in a team format. Payouts will be for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams.

PUN INTENDED

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger...then it hit me.

SEPTEMBER TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Sept. 5 WestRidge	120	93%	Butch Vaut 73	Dwight Johnson 61
Sept. 12 The Tribute	125	97%	Jody Bass 72	Dwight Johnson 65 Ben Robinson 65
Sept. 19 Grapevine	123	96%	Mike Jones 67	Jerry Jenkins 61
Sept. 25 Indian Creek – canceled, due to course conditions.				
Sept. 26 Watters Creek – canceled, due to course conditions.				

NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS

Oct. 3 Frisco Lakes	8:00	
Oct. 10 Hurricane Creek C.C.	8:00	Includes Buffett Lunch
Oct. 17 Tangleridge	8:00	“Tangleridge Shamble”
Oct. 24 Heritage Ranch C.C.	8:00	“ Sid Thrash Memorial”
Oct. 31 Waterchase	8:00	

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

Oct. 3 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.

Oct. 10 Hurricane Creek C.C. (Anna) 972-924-3247; 1800 Fairway Lane. Take US-75 (Central Expwy) north, past the Anna Truck Stop. Take exit #49 (Mantua Rd.). At stop sign, turn left and drive over top of US-75. Turn left at the southside service road and proceed ¾ mile. Turn right at small sign, leads to Golf Club.

Oct. 17 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, drive 2 miles. Turn left at Park Ridge Dr., follow signs through residential area for approx. 1.2 miles to golf course entrance. 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 (go past elementary school). Turn right at Park Ridge Ct. (Leads to golf course).

Oct. 24 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).

Oct. 31 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.

NEW MEMBERS:



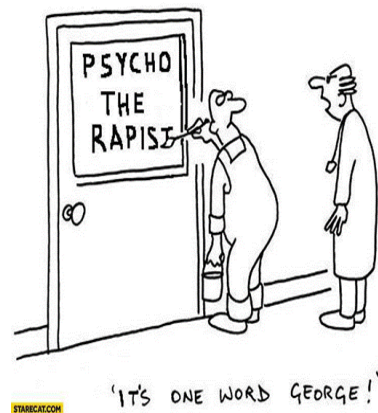
John Campbell – Plano
Scott Crabtree – Greenville
Vaughan Goldsmith – Caddo Mills
Rodger Jones – Dallas
Zane Latham – Valley View
Dave Patrick – Irving
Bob W. Taylor – Frisco
Johnny Tharp – Greenville
Dave Wilczynski – McKinney

LARRY MILTON'S GOLF TIPS FOR STRUGGLING SENIOR GOLFERS:

Chapter 2: How to hit a Nike from the rough, when you hit a Titleist from the tee!

AGE SHOOTERS: SEPTEMBER

Jeff Aston 9/5 WestRidge 84
Art Krueger 9/5 WestRidge 81
Tom McMahan 9/5 WestRidge 74
Stan Robertson 9/5 WestRidge 85
Butch Vaut 9/5 WestRidge 85
Bob Wands 9/5 WestRidge 80
Lou Wilkerson 9/5 WestRidge 78
Tom McMahan 9/12 The Tribute 76
Ken Wagner 9/12 The Tribute 74
Bob Wands 9/12 The Tribute 77
Jay Gasper 9/19 Grapevine 77
Harold Lockman 9/19 Grapevine 82
Bob Wands 9/19 Grapevine 80



2019 BALLOT

President: Gene Edmondson _____
Vice President: Phil Abel _____
Secretary: Phil Fahs _____
Treasurer: Pete Schoemann _____

Directors: (Vote for 3)

Gerald Gotcher _____
Tom McMahan _____ (currently serving)
Bill Roll _____ (currently serving)
Greg Windsor _____

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS.....

All members should get in the habit of checking the website (ntsqa.org) the evening before a golf tournament and early morning before leaving for the golf course for possible messages from the Tournament Chairman regarding weather conditions/delays and/or cancellations. This procedure has now been enhanced by linking member's cell phones to receive this early morning cancellation message. To link your phone, contact **Webmaster Howie Bacharach** (hbacharach@aol.com) and provide your mobile phone number and the name of your wireless carrier.

MERGER:

Zippo Manufacturing, Audi Automobiles, Dofasco and Dakota Mining will merge and become: ZipAudiDoDa!

Tiger Woods made everyone of his 540 putts inside of 3 feet on the PGA tour this year!!

SLOW PLAY

These tips will help speed the pace of play:

- You don't have to take 4 practice swings before striking the ball; you warmed up on the driving range.
- Don't wait until it's your turn to putt to determine which way your putt breaks. You should've done that when walking onto the green or while others are putting.
- Play ready golf, even in the fairway.
- Walk briskly to/from the green.
- If we are forced to play on "cart paths only", take 3 clubs to your ball, you should know the approx. distance remaining to the hole.
- Stay up with the group ahead.

FUNNY.....

The wedding ceremony came to the point where the Minister asked if anyone had anything to say concerning the union of the bride and groom. It was their time to stand up and talk, or forever hold their peace.

The moment of utter silence was broken by a young beautiful woman carrying a child.

She stood up and started walking slowly towards the pastor. The congregation was aghast and held their breath. The groom's jaw dropped as he stared disbelievingly at the approaching young woman and child.

Chaos ensued.

The bride threw the bouquet in the air and burst out crying. Then the groom's mother fainted. The Best man and groomsmen started giving each other looks and wondering how best to help save the situation.

The Minister asked the woman, "Can you tell us, why you came forward? What do you have to say?"

There was absolute silence in the church. The woman replied, "We can't hear in the back."

FROM HANDICAP CHAIRMAN, HOWIE BACHARACH:

NTSGA SCORECARD POSTING

As you have probably noticed, a Scoring Committee of four members collects all scorecards after each round and enters them into our website scoring system using laptop computers. Beginning this year, scores have been entered hole-by-hole, where previously they were entered as 18-hole score totals. There is a twofold reason for this change: 1) it provides a double check for accuracy by totaling 9 and 18-hole scores for comparison against what is entered on each card, and 2) provides a way to quickly and accurately determine skins participant winners.

Of note, the USGA handicap manual allows for recording only an 18-hole total, but USGA stroke play competition rules expand this with specific guidelines for hole-by-hole scoring. Our policy is to apply USGA Rule 6-6 (see below) to our stroke play competition tournaments. Players are responsible only for entering and attesting to a correct score on each hole as marked on the card. Therefore, we have been giving a pass to incorrectly added totals and just taking the hole scores entered. (It greatly helps us to verify our data entry by having a correct total since that is one of our cross checks, but a player is no longer penalized if they mis-add).

The only way a player would be disqualified (DQ) is with a missing scorecard, misaligned or missing scores related to hole slots on the card, or if someone (a player or their playing partner) came up later and said, "I signed for a 3 on a hole, but I really had a 4". Another situation that may come up is where you sign for higher number than you actually had (ex: signed for a 5, but had a 4) in which case you will not be disqualified but you must take the higher score.

One recent example of this violation occurred where the scoring started on the back nine by placing the 10th hole scores in the 11th hole slots on the card, 11th hole scores in the 12th hole slots and so on. Although a plausible explanation can be provided, the Scoring Committee could not absolutely determine correct hole-by-hole scores. A second example occurred on a scorecard with three nines (Grapevine), where scores were recorded on the wrong nine-hole card. Also a plausible explanation, but the Scoring Committee could not absolutely determine which nine-hole scoring was intended or correct. Both examples resulted in disqualification of all players on the card.

I understand this may seem overly punitive in a fun environment, but 99% of the members do it correctly. More importantly, the Scoring Committee is volunteering several hours of their time after each round to update scoring and results and it takes no more than a few minutes at the end of your round to help them out by ensuring the accuracy of your scorecard. The responsibility for accuracy lies with the player, not the Scoring Committee.

USGA Rule 6-6 (Scoring in Stroke Play) summary:

In individual stroke play, Rule 6-6 assigns the player specific responsibilities regarding their scorecard. The competitor needs to make sure of the following:

1. The score for each hole is correct.
2. The competitor's marker (playing partner) has signed the scorecard.
3. The competitor has signed the scorecard (NTSGA – waived to one player from each cart).
4. The scorecard is returned to the Scoring Committee as soon as possible.

These responsibilities fall upon the competitor alone and once the scorecard is turned in to the Scoring Committee, no alterations are permitted. The competitor cannot be penalized for tabulating their total score incorrectly, as the Scoring Committee is responsible for the addition of the individual hole-by-hole scores.

The Scoring Committee thanks you for your assistance! Please don't hesitate to contact me at the course or by email (hbacharach@aol.com) if you have any questions or comments.

Howie

By-Laws Article VI, Section 2: Pay dues, withdraw

Any member paying his tournament fee and commencing play, and who later has to withdraw from the tournament for any reason (DQ'd, illness, injury, WD), shall not be eligible to receive any awarded monies; i.e. flight prize money, 2-man team competition, CTP awards or skins money. If a member pays the entry fee and withdraws before starting the round, no refund shall be given; however, his entry fee will be added to his account balance maintained by the NTSGA Treasurer.

ANNUAL BANQUET:

The annual banquet and meeting of the NTSGA will be held Friday evening, November 16, 2018.

The event will be at the same location as last year's banquet: The Crowne Plaza Hotel located at 14315 Midway Rd. in Addison. This is approx. ½ mile south of Beltline Rd. on Midway. The festivities will begin at 6:00 with a Happy Hour. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM.

The menu is:

Field Greens Salad with Ranch or Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing

Seared Chicken Breast topped in a buttercream lemon sauce

Or

10 oz. Sirloin Steak in a Cabernet Demi-glace

With: Garlic Whipped Potatoes and Assorted Vegetables

Fresh Baked Rolls with Butter

Alternating Deserts: Pecan Pie or Chocolatey Chocolate Mousse Cake

Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Herbal Tea

We will also be offering a vegetarian option as an entree

At the bottom of this page is a form prepared for your use to notify **Pete Schoemann**, our Treasurer, of the number of people in your party who will be attending. Just cut the form on the dotted line and fill it out with the desired information and give it to Pete at our next tournament. You can also mail it to him at his home address: 3200 San Simeon Way, Plano, TX 75023 or e-mail him at plano2shoes@aol.com

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AWARDS BANQUET RESERVATION-CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL.....NOVEMBER 16, 2018

Please give or send this form to **Pete Schoemann**. All reservations or cancelations must be made by November 12, 2018.

There is no charge to members. Guest fee will be \$35.00. If you have sufficient funds in your account, the guest fee will be deducted. Otherwise include payment with this form.

Member's Name _____

Guest(s) Name(s) _____

Number Chicken _____ Number Steak _____