

# NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

- The Grapevine Dam road is closed for the remainder of the year. You must go to the Grapevine Golf Course (Sept. 19) via a north entry. See the Alternate Directions in this newsletter.
- The WestRidge Shamble originally scheduled for Sept. 5 has been postponed and will now be played as the Tangleridge Shamble on Oct. 17.
- The first day of the Club Championship (Sept. 25) will be played at Indian Creek, Creeks course (Carrollton). The second day (Sept. 26) will be played at Watters Creek (Plano).
- Tournament fees will be reduced to \$40.00 beginning this month until further notice.
- **Secy. Phil Fahs** is still accepting Board of Director nominees willing to serve on the Board during 2019.
- Read the write-up of the PGA Championship Pot in this newsletter.
- Soon, **Tournament Chairman Rod Wells** will start preparing for next year's tournaments by contacting area golf courses. If there is a course(s) around the Metroplex that you would like him to research, email him at wellsrod@att.com

## AUGUST TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Aug. 1 Tangleridge	118	92%	<b>Mike Jones 70</b>	<b>Art Krueger 60</b>
Aug. 8 Waterview	107	83%	<b>Mike Jones 70</b>	<b>Pete Schoemann 56</b>
Aug 15 Tierra Verde	99	77%	<b>Tom McMahan 74</b> <b>Rob Ruth 74</b>	<b>Dwight Johnson 58</b>
Aug 22 Mesquite	115	89%	<b>Jim Krause 73</b>	<b>John Jones 62</b> <b>Ben Robinson 62</b>
Aug 27 Gleneagles C.C.	118	92%	<b>Mike Jones 73</b>	<b>Steve Upham 64</b>
Aug 29 Texas Star	113	88%	<b>Mike Jones 73</b>	<b>Harold Lockman 60</b>

### **PUN INTENDED....**

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank. Proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too!

## BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Scott Daum 20<sup>th</sup>  
Ron Goethals 22<sup>nd</sup>  
George Miller 30<sup>th</sup>  
**Buster Sanders** 12<sup>th</sup>

**Gary Delcambre** 5<sup>th</sup>  
Pete Huff 13<sup>th</sup>  
Terry Rivard 26<sup>th</sup>  
Steve Upham 17<sup>th</sup>

Michael Fyfe 16<sup>th</sup>  
Mike Istre 9<sup>th</sup>  
Pat Rodgers 28<sup>th</sup>  
**Jerry Walker** 12<sup>th</sup>

Carlos Gaona 27<sup>th</sup>  
Dwight Johnson 29<sup>th</sup>  
Rob Ruth 4<sup>th</sup>  
Bobby Wood 24<sup>th</sup>

## NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS

Sept. 5 WestRidge	8:00	
Sept. 12 The Tribute	8:00	
Sept. 19 Grapevine	8:00	***Must use alternate driving directions
Sept. 25 Indian Creek (Creeks)	8:00	Club Championship (Day 1)
Sept. 26 Watters Creek	8:00	Club Championship (Day 2)

## DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES...

Sept. 5 WestRidge (McKinney) 972-346-2212; 9055 Cotton Ridge Road North. Take I-75 (Central Expy) north to McKinney, exit at Virginia Pkwy. Turn left (west) and drive 5.5 miles to Custer Rd. (FM 2478); turn left (south) for ½ mile, course entrance on right.

Sept. 12 The Tribute (The Colony) 972-370-5465; 1000 Lebanon Rd. From Hwy 121 (Sam Rayburn Tollway) and Josey Ln./Main St./Hwy 423 drive north (through The Colony) for 4.1 miles. At Lebanon (stop light, Walgreens on left) turn left. Drive 3 miles through residential area (pass the Old American Golf Club on the left). At Dead End, turn right into The Tribute parking lot. Or, Drive north on the Dallas Tollway and exit at John Hickman Pkwy/Lebanon Rd. (north of the Sam Rayburn Tollway). At 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light (Lebanon Rd.) turn left and drive 4.4 miles crossing Hwy 423. Drive another 3 miles through residential area. At dead end, turn right into course parking lot.

Sept. 19 Grapevine (Grapevine) See alternate driving directions in this newsletter.

Sept. 25 Indian Creek (Carrollton) 972-466-9850; 1650 W. Frankford. Drive north on I-35E (Stemmons Frwy). Under the George Bush Turnpike flyover, exit at Frankford Rd. Follow the road as it turns right, drive .6 mile, course entrance on left.

Sept. 26 Watters Creek (Plano) 972-517-7777; 7201 Chase Oaks Blvd. Drive I-75 (Central Expy). Exit at Legacy Dr., turn west. At 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light, (Chase Oaks Blvd) turn right. Course ½ mile on left.

Something learned from living in Texas....  
A possum is a flat animal that sleeps in the middle of the road!

## NTSGA MERCHANDISE:

**Director Terry Bell** has NTSGA logo'd items (hats, shirts, visors, etc.) for sale to our members. Call him at 972-347-3267 or email him at tc-bell@att.net if interested.

## 2018 PGA CHAMPIONSHIP POT

Bellerive C.C. in St. Louis was the site of the 100<sup>th</sup> PGA Championship. NTSGA members made their selections and to no surprise the favorite picks were Rickie Fowler, Dustin Johnson, Rory McIlroy, Justin Thomas and Jordan Spieth. Long hitting Gary Woodland led the field after Day 1, shooting a sparkling 64. Other golfers trying to stay close to the lead trailing by only 5 strokes included Rickie Fowler, Zach Johnson, Jason Day, Dustin Johnson, Justin Thomas and Brooks Koepka. Forty seven players were under par after Round 1 including Tiger Woods, Adam Scott, Justin Rose, Francesco Molinari, Tommy Fleetwood and Bubba Watson. Weather conditions were hot and humid with rain in the forecast.



First round leader, Gary Woodland had an early tee time on Day 2 and was able to complete his round before the rains came. The afternoon tee time golfers were unable to finish their rounds and would have to begin play early on Saturday morning because of the rainy conditions. Other golfers completing their rounds included Kevin Kisner, Dustin Johnson, Brooks Koepka, Francesco Molinari and Jon Rahm.

Round 3 began early with the golfers unable to finish Friday's round and sadly some of the favorite selections of NTSGA members missed the cut including Phil Mickelson, Matt Kuchar, Patrick Reed and Paul Casey. This took the luster off 9 NTSGA members as their selections were no longer in contention. Brooks Koepka seems to take charge of the major tournaments this year as he has already won the U.S. Open and now led the PGA Championship by 2 strokes at the completion of Saturday's round. There were 7 golfers chasing Koepka and all were within 4 strokes of the lead. Big names were thrilling the massive crowds sometime standing 10 deep to watch their favorite players. Tiger Woods was listening to ear deafening roars as his birdies electrified the crowd, clawing his way up the leaderboard. **Dennis Smith** and **Bob King** were rooting hard as both of them had Tiger as one-half of their combo picks.

Day 4 turned out to be a beautiful day for golf and the pros were taking dead aim at the pins in an attempt to overtake leader Brooks Koepka. Ten NTSGA members had selected Koepka, but who was going to be able to select the correct combination of finish? Adam Scott came out of nowhere and maintained 2<sup>nd</sup> position most of the day until being overtaken by Tiger Woods. **Dick Hall, Tom McMahan, Bill Lambert, Stan Robertson, Bill Kibler, Gene Edmondson** and **Jim Yarbrough** were pulling hard for their selections as the tournament came to a conclusion. Brooks Koepka won the PGA Championship by 2 strokes, but Tiger Woods found some old-time magic and had the huge crowd hanging on his every stroke. There was a 3-way tie for the winning combination: **Gene Edmondson, Tom McMahan** and **Stan Robertson** all selected Brooks Koepka (1) and Justin Thomas (T6).

**CONGRATULATIONS,** to these three members, all pocketing \$123.00.

The next major pot will be the 2019 Masters, April 11-14.

### SKINS & 2 MAN TEAM PAYOUTS:

If you win money by participating in the skins competition or the 2-man team competition...money will be given to you by the respective coordinators the following week at the tournament site. If for some reason you must be absent for a month or longer, your winnings will be turned over to **Treasurer Pete Schoemann** and added to your NTSGA bank. You may withdraw money from your Bank anytime by contacting Pete at any tournament site.

## SAD NEWS....

Long-time NTSGA member, **SID THRASH** passed away on Aug. 15. Sid joined the organization in 2005 and became fast friends with many of our members. He was born in west Texas, but moved to Indiana as a young boy. He was very active in high school activities and athletics, playing basketball and baseball. Following graduation from the Univ. of Evansville, Sid worked for State Farm Insurance Auto Claims moving to Plano in 1989. He worked closely with fellow State Farm employees and also NTSGA members **Phil Abel, Rob Ruth** and **Phil Head**. He retired from State Farm in 2004 after 35 years with the company.

A Celebration of Life for Sid will be held Friday, Aug. 31 at 11:00 AM at the Heritage Ranch Clubhouse. Sid's many friends are welcome to attend.



Rest in peace, our friend **SID THRASH**.

## AGE SHOOTERS...AUGUST

**Jay Gasper** 8/1 Tangleridge 80  
**Art Krueger** 8/1 Tangleridge 80  
**Harold Lockman** 8/1 Tangleridge 83  
**Harry Schmidt** 8/1 Tangleridge 74  
**Jake Truitt** 8/1 Tangleridge 78  
**Bill Nicholas** 8/8 Waterview 71  
**John Stieneker** 8/8 Waterview 82  
**Harold Lockman** 8/15 Tierra Verde 77  
**Tom McMahan** 8/15 Tierra Verde 74  
**Bob Murphy** 8/15 Tierra Verde 95  
**Bill Roll** 8/15 Tierra Verde 83  
**Jay Gasper** 8/22 Mesquite 79  
**Jim Krause** 8/22 Mesquite 73  
**Harold Lockman** 8/22 Mesquite 82  
**Bob Murphy** 8/22 Mesquite 93  
**LeRoy Worm** 8/22 Mesquite 85  
**Butch Vaut** 8/27 Gleneagles C.C. 74  
**Bob Wands** 8/27 Gleneagles C.C. 80  
**Jay Gasper** 8/29 Texas Star 80  
**Harold Lockman** 8/29 Texas Star 75

**"If I'm on the course  
and lightning starts, I  
get inside fast. If God  
wants to play through,  
let him."**

**- Bob Hope**

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## SKINS SIGN-UP

It is not necessary to sign-up for skins participation, online. Decide which skins you would like to participate (Gross or Net) and pay the entry (\$10.00) as you pass through the check-in table at each tournament site.

## **ALTERNATE DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO GRAPEVINE G.C.**

Drive west on LBJ freeway (I-635). Approaching the north end of DFW airport, take exit #36B. Stay in the left lane and follow signs for Hwy 121 North/Texas 2499. Then follow signs to Texas 2499 (Flower Mound). Drive several miles and after passing 2nd traffic light (Gernault Rd.) drive .8 mile and turn left at Lakeside Village Blvd./Silveron Blvd. (no traffic light). Drive .3 mile to roundabout. Enter roundabout and come out headed south. Drive .6 mile (go past the spillway). Course entrance on left at dead end.

I wonder if clouds ever look down on us and say "Hey look....that one is shaped like an idiot!"

### **CORRECTION:**

In last month's newsletter it was stated that members would receive bonuses after participating in 20 rounds of golf. This statement was made in error. Instead, the Board of Director's have voted to reduce the weekly green fees to \$40.00 until further notice. This is to reduce excess funds in our Treasury and remain within the guidelines deemed by the Internal Revenue Service.

## **COMPLETE FLIGHT RESULTS....**

All of the tournament results are posted on the website usually 1 hour after completion of play using inputs entered by the Scoring Committee. This is all done by sorting automatically by the computer software designed by **Handicap Chairman/Webmaster Howie Bacharach**. If you want to see a detailed computer computation of all the individual results, click on the Website "Results" tab, then scroll down to find the area you'd like to check. Click on:

- Complete Flight Results
- Complete Net Skins Results
- Complete Gross Skins Results
- Complete Two Man Team Results

These headings will appear in either Blue or Gray print. Click on the title you want to review and the complete computer sort appears. If you suspect an error or have a complaint, you must bring it to the attention of the Scoring Committee immediately, so it can be reviewed and rectified before the next event. Once money is distributed, it is very difficult to take back.

## **LARRY MILTON'S GOLF TIPS FOR STRUGGLING SENIOR GOLFERS:**

Chapter 1: How to properly line up your fourth putt.

## 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

**Secretary Phil Fahs** is still seeking Board of Director nominees willing to serve on the Board for 2019: Vice President/President (2 yr. term), Secretary (1 year term), Treasurer (1 year term), 2 Directors (2 year term). The finalized ballot will appear in the October newsletter and voting will take place at all tournament sites in October.

## SCORECARD ERRORS

Scorecards continue to be submitted with errors, caught by the computer or the Scoring Committee. We ask the foursomes to keep 2 cards and bounce the scores to ensure accuracy. Rather than scribble thru penciled numbers, surely someone in the foursome has a pencil w/eraser to make the number more legible. Attention to this matter is appreciated. Here were the errors caught during the August tournaments:

Tangleridge - Joe Ben Ramos, Mike Creech, Carlos Gaona, L.C. Alexander: addition error.  
Tom Phillips, Fraser Border, Johnny Tharp, Larry Kimberlin: addition error.  
Basil Greaves, Gene Clark, Gary Delcambre, Ralph Westbrook: addition error.

Waterview – James Powell, Tom Phillips, Allen Lacour, Don Dart: addition error.  
Dennis Smith, David Starkey, Scott Daum: addition error.

Tierra Verde – Harry Schmidt, Bill Kayser, Dick Fargo, Tom McMahan: addition error.  
Ron Rankey, Ron Cremer, Ron Swanson, Clint Culp: addition error.

Mesquite – James Powell, Rick VanMeter, Fraser Border: addition error.  
Bucky Taylor, Judge Perry, Gary Mitchell, Mike Horn: addition error.

Gleneagles – Jim Yarbrough, Buster Sanders, Mike Neeley, Ray Patak: addition error.  
Don Marks, Alan Duncan, Dave Dreiling, Hubert Lytle: addition error.  
Mark Wagner, Dave Patrick, James Bateman, Marc Walker: addition error.

Texas Star – Bob Lewis, Randy Skinner, John Carrick: addition error.  
Tony Nelson, Jalil Daneshfar, Michael Boring, Harold Wilkowsky: no last names.

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## FOR SALE:

Golf Clubs: Callaway right hand X18 graphite shaft irons (reg. flex) 4-9, PW, SW. MacGregor Driver 10.5 loft, 2-Grand Hawk drivers, 3 TroubleOut Hybrids (20, 25, 30 degrees), TaylorMade (Nubbins) putter, Sport Trex golf bag...\$550.00 Contact Phil Fahs 972-243-3450, [pfahs57@yahoo.com](mailto:pfahs57@yahoo.com)

