# **NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2019**

- Eight new members join NTSGA this month. See their introductions in this newsletter.
- See the important note regarding the Masters Pot, also in this newsletter.
- Tee off times are 8:00; the Check-In table closes at 7:30.
- **Tournament Chairman, Rod Wells** has added The Tribute to our schedule on April 10, which originally was an Open date.
- The Indian Creek Lakes Course is undergoing a complete renovation and is closed. The Creeks Course remains open for play.

# **BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL**

John Anderson 17<sup>th</sup> Larry Gebhardt 24<sup>th</sup> Ron Rankey 3<sup>rd</sup> Butch Vaut 23<sup>rd</sup> Jody Bass 18<sup>th</sup> Ray Grupp 5<sup>th</sup> Mike Robertson 24<sup>th</sup> Lou Wilkerson 28<sup>th</sup> Andrew Braun 21<sup>st</sup> Paul Murphy 13<sup>th</sup> Jack Thompson 16<sup>th</sup> Jay Gasper 22<sup>nd</sup> Roger Nondorf 23<sup>rd</sup> Greg Tomlinson 8<sup>th</sup>

#### MARCH TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

		Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
	Mar. 6 Mesquite	62	48%	Tom McMahan 73	Jack Martin 62
Mar. 13 Tangleridge – Canceled, due to weather.					
	Mar. 18 Las Colinas C.C.	125	97%	Ken Wagner 74	Jim Krause 64
	Mar. 20 Lantana	126	98%	Andrew Braun 70	Tom McMahan 64
	Mar. 25 Gleneagles C.C. (Queens	s) 116	90%	Scott Eskridge 70	Thunder Miller 63
	Mar. 27 Texas Star	129	101%	Rob Ruth 72	Jim Krause 63

PUN INTENDED....

Dogs can't operate MRI scanners...but catscan!

#### **NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS**

Apr. 3 Tierra Verde	8:00	Master's Pot selections
Apr. 10 The Tribute	8:00	Added to original schedule
Apr. 17 Watters Creek	8:00	
Apr. 24 Prairie Lakes	8:00	Eddleman's BBQ available for purchase
May 1 Thorntree C.C.	8:00	

# DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES:

Apr. 3 <u>Tierra Verde</u> (Arlington) 817-478-8500; 7005 Golf Club Dr. Take I-20 west past Hwy 360, turn south on Hwy 287 towards Mansfield for approx. 2 ½ miles, exit at Eden Road (2<sup>nd</sup> exit south of I-20). At stop sign turn right for ½ mile. Left turn at entrance to Martin Luther King Sports Center. Second driveway on left leads into clubhouse.

Apr. 10 <u>The Tribute</u> (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.

Apr. 17 <u>Watters Creek (Plano)</u> 972-517-7777; 7201 Chase Oaks Blvd. Drive I-75 (Central Expwy). Exit at Legacy Dr., turn west. At 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light, (Chase Oaks Blvd) turn right. Course ½ mile on left.

Apr. 24 <u>Prairie Lakes</u> (Grand Prairie) 972-263-0661; 3202 SE 14<sup>th</sup> St. Drive I-35 southbound, take the Loop 12 split towards Irving. Drive approx. 10 miles south, then take Spur 408 for about 1 ½ miles and make a right turn onto Hwy 303 driving west over Mountain Creek Lake. On the other side of the lake, turn left @ SE 14<sup>th</sup> St. Course entrance approx. ½ mile on left.

May 1 <u>Thorntree C.C.</u> (Desoto) 972-296-7313; 825 W. Wintergreen Road. Drive south on I-35 through downtown Dallas. Continue south on I-35 past I-20. Exit at Wintergreen road, turn right (west), 3.1 miles. Course entrance on right.

# SLOW PLAY.... "CLUB IN, CLUB OUT"

NTSGA is constantly striving for ways to speed up play in hopes of preventing 5-6 hour rounds of golf. With warmer weather approaching, our tournaments will soon have full fields of 128 golfers and it's imperative to keep play moving to keep from playing lengthy rounds. Here is a suggestion given by member, **Ollie Cromwell** to keep play moving during the round to prevent unnecessary delays, "Club in, Club out!" Arrive at your ball in the fairway, hit your shot and immediately get into the cart (still holding onto the club you just hit) and drive to the next shot. When the cart arrives at your next shot, put the club (that you are still holding) into your bag and pull the club you'll need for the next shot. Hit your shot and immediately get into the cart and proceed to your next shot (Club in, Club out). Continue this practice for each hole. If each foursome continues this practice for the entire round, time spent on the golf course will be kept to a minimum and win the approval of all members. Thank you.

#### **NEW MEMBERS – APRIL**

Dan Bertschi – Richardson Ron Burkholder – Whitesboro Joe Geis – Dallas Steve Jones - Sherman Paul Murphy – Princeton Ben Orgain – Dallas Dave Rhodes – Dallas Mike Seagram – Dallas I'm no wildlife expert, but I think this monkey might be drunk.



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

Chapter 11: How to find that ball that everyone else saw go in the water.

#### THE MASTERS....FACTS:

There has always been an attraction for golfers towards the hallowed grounds of Augusta National. The Masters is one of the most unusual events in sports. It's all about tradition and it's defined by a set of old rules and customs that just do not exist in other tournaments. Some amateurs have always been invited to the Masters, out of respect for the career of club founder Bobby Jones. However, Jones himself was no longer considered an amateur by the USGA by the time August National opened. He never competed for prize money, but the equipment deals and Hollywood instructional short films made him a professional in the eyes of all, except for the eyes of the Masters hierarchy....of which he was a member.

#### **PICTURES:**

NTSGA will update the members' website pictures located under the "Roster" tab. **Director Greg Windsor** will be taking pictures at our tournament sites and forwarding them to Webmaster Howie Bacharach for inclusion onto the NTSGA website. Look for **Greg** positioned around the check-in table during initial tournament check-in.

The first fast-food restaurant in the U.S. was A & W Root Beer opening in 1919 in Lodi, California. Followed by White Castle in 1921 in Wichita, Kansas and then Bob's Big Boy in Glendale, California in 1936.

#### MASTERS POT....

Masters Pot selections can be made a week before the Masters at Tierra Verde (April 3). Your friendly Pot coordinator will not be attending the Wednesday before the start of the Masters (April 10), so if you miss the Tierra Verde tournament, you may submit selections via email:

(pfahs57@yahoo.com or phone 972-243-3450) prior to 7:00 AM on April 11. Same scenario as in the past: Select 2 players (\$5.00). Make as many selections as desired. Best combined finish wins Pot. If you select a pairing that one or both players don't participate, that selection will be voided and money refunded. Payout 1<sup>st</sup> place: 60%, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: 25%, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: 15%.

# SAD NEWS:

Longtime NTSGA member, **Tom Lymenstull** passed away March 5, at 90 years of age. He played golf with the Association for 21 years, winning the Club Championship in 2000. Tom was born in Quincy, Illinois attending local schools, graduating from Quincy College in 1950. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy for 6 years whereas he saw action during the Korean War. Upon completion of his military obligation, Tom moved to Dallas and went to work for Texas Instruments designing and manufacturing semi-conductors and integrated circuitry for companies around the world. He later co-founded Optic Electronic Corporation fulfilling defense contracts for the U.S. Dept. of Defense. His company was acquired by Scientific



Holdings of Great Britain and later sold to the Varo Corporation located in Garland. He retired in 1994. During his long tenure with NTSGA, he was our President in 2002 and the Asst. Tournament Chairman for 10 years while serving on the Board of Directors. He resigned from NTSGA in 2017.

Rest in Peace, Tom Lymenstull.

### AGE SHOOTERS: MARCH



Jeff Aston 3/6 Mesquite 83 Tom McMahan 3/6 Mesquite 73 Jim Krause 3/18 Las Colinas C.C. 75 Ken Wagner 3/18 Las Colinas

Bill Kayser 3/20 Lantana 76 Tom McMahan 3/20 Lantana 75 Butch Vaut 3/25 Gleneagles C.C. 72 Jim Krause 3/27 Texas Star 73

# RULES ???

.....Director Tom McMahan

2019 marked the beginning of 20 new rules implemented by USGA and the R & A to speed up the game and not make the game so hard and confusing, just because of some hard to understand rules. Here are some new rules for senior golfers. These rules are to be taken with a humorous intention and do not constitute a rules change implemented by NTSGA, USGA or the R & A!

Rule 1.a.5 – A ball sliced or hooked into the rough shall be lifted and placed on the fairway at a point equal to the distance it carried or rolled into the rough with no penalty. The senior (60 or older) player should not be penalized for tall grass which ground keepers failed to mow.

### FUNNY...

Three engineering students were gathered together discussing who must have designed the human body. One said, "It was a mechanical engineer, just look at all the joints."

The second one said, "No, it was an electrical engineer. The nervous system has many thousands of electrical connections."

The last one said, "No, actually it had to have been a civil engineer. Who else would run a toxic waste pipeline through a recreational area?"

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