

# NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 2019

- **Gary Mitchell** won the Open Championship Pot. See the write-up in this newsletter.
- It's time to solicit names of members willing to serve on the Board of Directors for 2020. Read the article in this newsletter.
- There are 24 tournaments remaining on our schedule for this year.
- There are 34 single digit handicap great golfers playing with NTSGA.
- Mark your calendars: Nov. 22, NTSGA annual business meeting/Banquet.
- Member Bob Kenyon reports that the road over the Grapevine Dam is now OPEN.

## BIRTHDAY'S FOR AUGUST

L.C. Alexander 16 <sup>th</sup>	Howie Bacharach 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ken Blanck</b> 12 <sup>th</sup>	Ron Cremer 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Ollie Cromwell 25 <sup>th</sup>	Gene Edmondson 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Joe Geis</b> 21 <sup>st</sup>	Vaughn Goldsmith 27 <sup>th</sup>
Billy King 20 <sup>th</sup>	Larry Lucas 29 <sup>th</sup>	Eddie Marshall 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Jack Martin</b> 14 <sup>th</sup>
Tom McMahan 25 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Phillips 16 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Philpott 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Seagram 24 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Randy Skinner</b> 12 <sup>th</sup>	Bucky Taylor 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Johnny Tharp</b> 21 <sup>st</sup>	Steve Vredenburg 30 <sup>th</sup>
Ken Wagner 17 <sup>th</sup>	Greg Windsor 6 <sup>th</sup>		

List these businesses in the correct order from earliest starting year in business:

Wendy's, In-and-Out Burger and Arby's (answer at end of this newsletter)

## JULY TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
July 3 Firewheel Bridges – Canceled, due to Course mix-up				
July 10 Tangleridge – Canceled, due to Course mix-up				
July 17 Grapevine	127	99%	<b>Jody Bass</b> 72 <b>Brad Goethals</b> 72	<b>Gene Lindsey</b> 60 <b>Paul Price</b> 60
July 24 Sky Creek Ranch	116	90%	<b>Andrew Braun</b> 69	<b>Frank Smith</b> 64
July 31 Tangleridge	Results will be posted in the September newsletter.			

**PUN INTENDED...**

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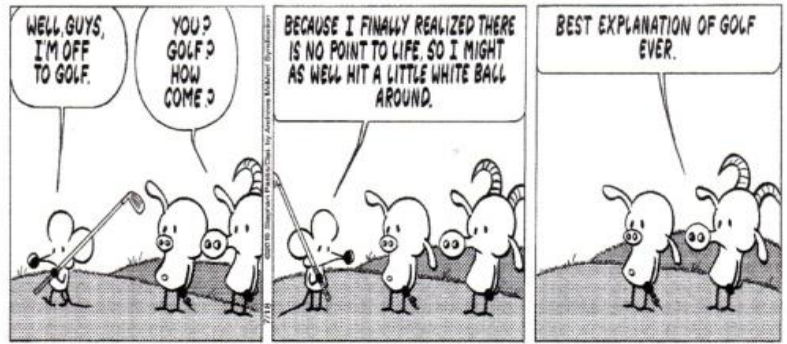
## AGE SHOOTERS....JULY

**Jim Krause** 7/17 Grapevine 76

**Tom McMahan** 7/17 Grapevine 74

**Jim Rowley** 7/17 Grapevine 75

**Butch Vaut** 7/17 Grapevine 75



## NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS

Aug. 7 Frisco Lakes – Lunch Special at British Lion Pub. See note in this newsletter!

Aug. 12 (Monday) Gleneagles – Kings Course

Aug 14 Tierra Verde

Aug 21 Mesquite

Aug. 28 Texas Star

## DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

Aug. 7 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.

Aug. 12 Gleneagles C.C. (Plano) 972-867-8888; 5401 W. Park Blvd. Drive north on the Dallas North Tollway. Exit at W. Park Blvd. (FM 544). Turn right for 1.2 miles, course entrance on left.

Aug. 14 Tierra Verde (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.

Aug. 21 Mesquite (Mesquite) 972-270-7457; 827 North Hwy 67. Drive the George Bush Turnpike east/south. It ends at I-30. Exit right (West) towards Dallas. Drive 2 miles, exit at Belt Line Rd and stay on the service road. Continue on service road, .9 miles past the traffic light. Course entrance on right.

Aug. 28 Texas Star (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.

Noah was a brave man to sail in a wooden boat with 2 termites!

# 2019 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Weather conditions were just what the tournament organizers wanted for this year's Open Championship played over the Royal Portrush golf course in Northern Ireland. Players alternated wearing rain gear and cold weather clothing as wind and rain pelted the players during the opening round. The most popular selections of all NTSGA members were Rory McIlroy, Brooks Koepka, Jon Rahm and Justin Rose. Native Irishman McIlroy set the course record (61) when he was 16 years old and the record still stands. However, he struggled in the opening round making quadruple-bogey 8 on the opening hole. With a score of 79 for the day, McIlroy was in jeopardy of missing the cut, much to the disappointment of the local Irish spectators and also many NTSGA golfers who selected him to win this Open Championship. No one had selected the Round 1 leader, J.B. Holmes, but member **LeRoy Worm** was feeling very good with his selection of Irishman Shane Lowry, who ended Day 1 in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.



Day 2 had the mix of typical Irish weather rolling in off Rathin Sound...wind, sunshine, rain, and cold. Regardless of the weather, some NTSGA selections made positive moves up the leaderboard. It was not the case for many of the favorites who missed the cut including Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy, Gary Woodland, Bryson DeChambeau, Phil Mickelson and Adam Scott. Missing the cut for many of these favorites knocked out 52 NTSGA member's selections.

Day 3 began under cloudless skies with plenty of bright sunshine. Caddies and many spectators were wearing shorts as the pros took advantage of benign weather conditions, as scoring was spectacular. Lee Westwood, at age 46, excited the crowd as he tied for the lead early in his round. Rickie Fowler played steady golf and he also moved up close to the leaders. Tommy Fleetwood was tied for the lead with Irishman Shane Lowry and long hitting J.B. Holmes, during the third round. Local Dallas favorite Jordan Spieth made 3 birdies in his first 4 holes. Brooks Koepka, another favorite of NTSGA members was playing steady golf, but not gaining on the precise play of Lowry, Fleetwood and Holmes. Maybe the most impressive play was turned in by Justin Rose who made eagle, birdie, par, birdie during a 4 hole stretch. This excited **Rick Wiley, Jerry Walker, Bobby Wood, Frank Arnold, Mike Vestal, Roger Nondorf, Bill Kibler, Dave Tovar** and **Frank Smith**. These NTSGA golfers had selected Rose as ½ of their combo selections. Clouds rolled in toward the end of Round 3 which gave indication of tomorrow's forecast weather which was terrible. Strong winds and driving rain were forecast for the final round and would test Brooks Koepka, Justin Rose, Tommy Fleetwood, J.B. Holmes, Rickie Fowler and Lee Westwood in their quest to catch the lead of Irishman Shane Lowry, who after 8 birdies during Round 3, held a 4 shot lead going into Sunday's final round.

Round 4 began as predicted by the weather forecasters with strong wind and driving rain. None of the pursuer's to the lead could manage a rally all day and could not catch leader Shane Lowry. Lowry remained focused on a very difficult day for golf and in the end won by 6 strokes. Shane Lowry hoisted the Claret jug as the 2019 Champion Golfer of the Year.

The winner of the NTSGA Open Championship Pot was **Gary Mitchell**: Brooks Koepka (T4) /Rickie Fowler (T6). Runners Up, **Thunder Miller**: Tommy Fleetwood (2)/Jon Rahm (T11), **John Stieneker**: Tommy Fleetwood (2)/Francesco Molinari (T11) and **Gene Edmondson**: Tommy Fleetwood (2)/Francesco Molinari (T11). **Gary Mitchell** pockets \$288.00!

**CONGRATULATIONS: GARY MITCHELL!**

The next major Championship Pot will be the 2020 Masters.

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

Chapter 17: When to re-grip your ball retriever.

## WARM UP.....

Prior to a tournament, your warm-up time on the range should only be about 15-20 balls. You're not there for a lengthy practice session.....you're there to get loose prior to playing 18 holes. Please be courteous of other members waiting to warm up prior to their round. Your goal isn't to hit 2-3 buckets of balls, but rather a warm up session designed to loosen some stiff muscles. Other members are waiting patiently to do the same thing.

The longest golf course in the United States is the par 77 International Golf Club, near Worcester, Massachusetts. It measures a fearsome 8,325 yards.

## LUNCH SPECIAL...

NTSGA member, Jay Crawford owns the British Lion Pub in Frisco. He is offering a Lunch Special after the Frisco Lakes tournament on Aug. 7: Hamburger or Grilled Chicken Sandwich, fries and domestic beer: \$8.00. The Pub is located on the NE corner of the Dallas Tollway and Main Street in Frisco. Leave the golf course, drive to Stonebrook Pkwy, turn right and drive to Main St. (The Colony, Hwy 423). Turn left and drive ¾ mile to Main St. (Frisco). At that point you'll be at the infamous intersection of Main and Main. Turn right, drive 3 miles to the Dallas Tollway. Drive under the Tollway. The British Lion Pub is the 1<sup>st</sup> building on the left. (5454 Main St., Frisco 75033).

Tell the server, you're with NTSGA.



## NOMINEES.....

The Board of Directors is seeking nominees willing to serve on the Board for 2020. Contact **Secy. Phil Fahs** (pfahs57@yahoo.com) or 972-243-3450 if you would like your name placed on the ballot. Open positions are Vice President and Director (2). Vice President is a 1 year term sequencing into a 1 year Presidential term. The Directors serve 2 year terms. The finalized ballot will be presented in the October newsletter. Voting will take place at the October tournaments.

## PREVENTING SLOW PLAY

## ....RANDY SKINNER

Follow the flight of all tee shots, not just your own. Once in the fairway, help others look for their ball if you already know the location of yours. Volunteer to fill in a divot or rake a bunker for another player if needed.

Answer to fast food question: In-and-Out Burger 1948 (Baldwin Park, CA), Arby's 1964 (Youngstown, OH), Wendy's 1969 (Columbus, OH).



## FUNNY....

A hard working farming couple had been together for 60 years. Their three kids, all successful, agreed to a Sunday dinner in their honor.

"Happy Anniversary Mom and Dad," gushed son No. 1. "Sorry I'm running late. I had an emergency at the hospital with a patient, you know how it is, and I didn't have time to get you a gift."

"Not to worry," said the father. "The important thing is we're all together today."

Son No. 2 arrived. "You and Mom look great, Dad. I just flew in from Montreal between depositions and didn't have time to shop for you."

"It's nothing," said the father. "We're glad you were able to come."

Just then their daughter arrived. "Hello and Happy Anniversary! Sorry, but my boss is sending me out of town and I was really busy packing, so I didn't have time to get you anything."

After they had finished dessert, the father said, "There's something your mother and I have wanted to tell you for a long time. You see we were really poor, but we managed to send each of you to college. Through the years your mother and I know we loved each other very much, but we just never found the time to get married."

The three children gasped and said, "WHAT? You mean we're bastards?"

"Yep", said the father. "Cheap ones, too."