NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 2019

- Mike Jones and David Starkey are the only members recording Holes-in-One this year.
- The 2020 Board of Directors has been elected and their introductions are in this newsletter.
- The Gross Skins Coordinators will establish a Low Gross Pool at our tournaments beginning January 2020.
- NTSGA will observe a holiday break from Dec.12 to mid-January. If weather conditions are favorable to play golf, use the roster to contact fellow members and get up a game during this break period.

BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER....

Lynn Beyler 7th Rick Gustafson 1st Dennis Meyer 24th Joel Rogers 30th Joe Shelton 31st LeRoy Worm 24th John Campbell 4th Allen Lacour 11th Bill Nitcholas 28th Pete Romanyak 31st Doug Smith 27th Dave Dreiling 8th Gene Lindsey 9th Gary Norman 8th Mel Rosser 28th Ralph Westbrook 12th Alan Duncan 10th Don Marks 12th James Powell 6th Harry Schmidt 23rd Pat Wheeler 22nd

*Dave Dreiling and Gary Norman are twins, but born to different parents!

*Dennis Meyer and LeRoy Worm stay up late on their birthdays and look for Santa coming down the chimney!

* Joe Shelton and Pete Romanyak think all the fireworks are for them, but really it's New Years Eve!

NOVEMBER TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	e Low Gross	Low Net
Nov. 6 Thorntree	85	66%	James Bateman 74	Mike Robertson 62
Nov. 13 Bridlewood – Canceled, due to cold weather.				
Nov. 18 Las Colinas C.C. – Canceled, due to course renovation.				
Nov. 20 Cowboys G.	C. 128	100%	Mike Jones 68	John Jones 56
Nov. 25 Gleneagles	108	84%	Doug Shackelford 70	Jim Staron 59
PUN INTENDED 453.6 graham crackers = 1 pound cake				

2020 DUES:

Association dues for 2020 will be due Jan. 1, 2020. If you have over \$30.00 in your NTSGA Bank, **Treasurer Pete Schoemann** will use these funds to pay your dues for next year. If you don't have \$30.00 in your Bank, send a \$30.00 check (made out to NTSGA) to Pete at 3200 San Simeon Way, Plano, TX 75023. Bank balances may always be viewed at the sign-in table.

NEXT 3 TOURNAMENTS

Dec. 4 Pecan Hollow Dec. 11 Lantana Dec. 18 Open Date

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES....

Dec. 4 <u>Pecan Hollow</u> (Plano) 972-941-7600; 4501 E. 14th St. Drive the Geo. Bush Turnpike, exit east of Central Expy (I-75) at Jupiter. Drive north for 1 mile, turn right on 14th street and drive 2.3 miles. Course entrance on left.

Dec. 11 Lantana (Lantana) 940-728-4653; 800 Golf Club Dr. Drive north on I-35E (Stemmons Frwy) past Lewisville. Exit at FM407 (Justin Road) Exit #454A. At the traffic light, turn left and continue west for 6 miles. Turn right at Lantana Trail (2nd water tower and traffic light); drive 1.2 miles (divided road), turn right at Golf Club Dr., leads to clubhouse.

FROM TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN, ROD WELLS:

None of us like to hit out of sand traps, but from time to time we have to play from the bunkers. NTSGA plays by USGA standards with some very liberal modifications to make the game most enjoyable for all handicap abilities. Under new rules, you may now remove loose impediments from the bunker and also incidental touching of the sand is permitted. However, nowhere in our rules or guidelines does it say we don't have to rake the bunkers. I have seen an awful lot of footprints in sand traps that are not being raked by a previous golfer. It is only common courtesy and proper golf etiquette to leave the bunker in a smooth prepared surface for the next golfer. Follow this simple procedure:

Take the rake with you into the bunker. Enter the bunker from its lowest point. This keeps you from caving in the face of a steep bunker. After hitting the shot, rake the bunker in an alternating pulling/pushing motion with the rake over all footprints as you exit the bunker making the surface as smooth as possible. Rake all imperfections as you exit the bunker at the same point you entered. Lay the rake down outside the bunker, tines down, parallel to the direction of the fairway. Following these simple guidelines will make tournaments more enjoyable for all members. Thank you.

Rod

Polygram Records, Warner Bros. and Zesta Crackers will merge Companies and become...Poly, Warner Cracker!

RADIO..... 1160AM

Texas native and NTSGA member, **Pat Wheeler** has a 1 hour radio golf talk show that airs every Saturday morning from 8-9:00 AM. He recently interviewed our senior member, **Bob Murphy** during his show. He always has some interesting golfers/guests that make for enjoyable listening. Some of his guests have included Tom Kite, Hal Sutton, Ben Crenshaw, David Graham, Don January and Kathy Whitworth among others.

RULES???

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 <u>humorous intention</u> and do not constitute a rules change implemented by NTSGA:

Rule 7.G.15(z) There is no penalty for a ball in a water hazard, as golf balls should float. Senior players should not be penalized for any shortcomings of the manufacturers.

1900's. Prior to that time, most courses featured anywhere between 12 - 23 holes. St. Andrews, the birthplace of golf, was originally 22 holes. It converted to 18 holes in 1764 for pure business reasons – it was easier to maintain 18 holes

instead of 22. In 1858, the R&A declared a match as 18 holes unless otherwise stipulated. Since many clubs looked to the R&A for advice, this slowly was adopted throughout Britain and is still accepted today.

Don't wear headphones while vacuuming. I've just finished vacuuming the whole house before realizing the vacuum cleaner wasn't plugged in!









.....Director Tom McMahan

Age Shooters – November:

Tom McMahan 11/6 Thorntree 78 Bob Murphy 11/16 Thorntree 97 John Jones 11/20 Cowboys 76 Jim Krause 11/20 Cowboys 75 David Miller 11/20 Cowboys 79

2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS....



Front Row: (L-R) Past President Roger Ball, Treasurer Pete Schoemann, Secretary Phil Fahs, Vice President Phil Abel, President Gene Edmondson.

Back Row: (L-R) Tournament Chairman **Rod Wells**, Director **Greg Windsor**, Handicap Chairman/Webmaster **Howie Bacharach**, Director **Terry Bell**. Absent: Director's **Tom McMahan & Gerald Gotcher**.

FUNNY.....

I mowed the lawn today and after doing so, I sat down and had a cold beer. The day was really quite beautiful and the drink facilitated some deep thinking.

My wife walked by and asked me what I was doing, and I said, "Nothing." She then said that's what you did yesterday...to which I replied, "I wasn't done, so I'm in the middle of finishing right now."

The reason I said "nothing" instead of saying "just thinking" is because she then would have asked, "About what?" At that point I would have had to explain that men are deep thinkers about various topics, which would lead to other questions.

Finally I pondered an age old question: Is giving birth more painful than getting kicked in the nuts? Women always maintain that giving birth is way more painful than a guy getting kicked in the nuts, but how could they know?

Well after another beer, and some more heavy deductive thinking, I have come up with an answer to that question. Getting kicked in the nuts is more painful than having a baby and even though I obviously couldn't really know, here is the reason for my conclusion:

A year or so after giving birth, a woman will often say, "It might be nice to have another child." On the other hand, you never hear a guy say, "You know, I think I would like another kick in the nuts."

I rest my case...time for another beer and then maybe a nap.

Merry Christmas to you and all of your families,

Phil