

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	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 Pecan Hollow (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???

.....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:**

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.



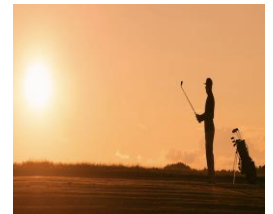
Age Shooters – November:

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

GOLF....THE EARLY YEARS:

Believe it or not, 18 holes did not become the standard of golf until the early 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!

