NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 2019

- Thirteen new members join NTSGA this month. See their introductions in this newsletter.
- Two members recorded Holes-In-One last month. See the write-ups in this newsletter.
- Here's hoping Pauxatauney Phil does not see his shadow on Groundhog Day!!

BIRTHDAY'S FOR FEBRUARY

Ken Blincow 8th	Dave Bramlett 14th	Dave Brigman 3 rd	Doug Cannon 27th
John Carrick 21st	Clint Culp 13 th	Duane Draeger 16th	Mike Farrar 28th
Leroy Hiller 14th	Bill Kayser 16 th	Bill Lambert 10 th	Bob Lewis 2 nd
Dan Locklear 16th	Pat Martin 18 th	Dal McKinney 21 st	Danny Millaway 13th
Gary Nelson 4th	Elliot Prater 16 th	Joe Ben Ramos 22 nd	Ben Robinson 14 th
Cary Schneider 4 th	Jim Sendejas 14 th	David Starkey 5 th	Rick Van Meter 1st

JANUARY TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Jan. 9 Firewheel (Lakes)	112	87%	Mike Jones 71	Jeff Aston 66 Brad Mink 66 Frank Smith 66
Jan. 16 Firewheel (Bridge	s) 126	98%	Mike Jones 75 Ken Wagner 75	Stan Robertson 64
Jan 23 Hurricane Creek C	C.C. – Cance	eled, due to w	eather.	
Jan 30 Waterview	79	61%	Dave Patrick 73 Bobby Vetkoetter 73	Joe Minter 62 James Powell 62

GROSS SKINS...

<u>Gross</u> Skins is competition played from the back tees using no handicaps. Sign-up is available at the check-in table, cost is \$10.00. Three coordinators share the sign-up duties: **Butch Vaut, Rob Ruth** and **Tim Koscinski**. Look for one of these gentlemen to sign up for <u>gross skins</u>. Skins winners and payouts are announced on the results tab of the NTSGA website after completion of each round.

PUN INTENDED....

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery!

NEXT 4 TOURNAMENTS...

Feb. 6 WestRidge	8:30
Feb. 13 Ridgeview Ranch	8:30
Feb. 20 Pecan Hollow	8:30
Feb. 27 Bridlewood	8:30

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES:

Feb. 6 <u>WestRidge</u> (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.

Feb. 13 <u>Ridgeview Ranch</u> (Plano) 972-390-1039; 2701 Ridgeview Dr. The course is ½ mile south of Hwy 121(Sam Rayburn Tollway) between Independence Pkwy and Custer Road. Ridgeview Drive leads to club.

Feb. 20 <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.

Feb. 27 <u>Bridlewood</u> (Flower Mound) 972-355-4800; 4000 W. Windsor Dr. Proceed north on I-35E, exit at FM1171/Main St. (Lewisville). Turn left (west), drive 5 ½ miles, right turn at Bridlewood Blvd. At 1st stop sign, turn right, course entrance on left.

AGE SHOOTERS – JANUARY

Ken Wagner 1/9 Firewheel Lakes 75
Stan Robertson 1/9 Firewheel Bridges 83
Ken Wagner 1/9 Firewheel Bridges 75

The first testicular guard (the Cup) was used in hockey in 1874; and the first helmet was used in 1974. That means it only took 100 years for them to realize that man's brains were also important!

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS.....

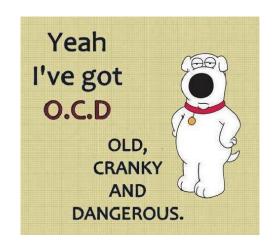
All members should get in the habit of checking the website (ntsga.org) the evening before a golf tournament and early morning before leaving for the golf course for possible messages from the Tournament Chairman regarding weather conditions/delays and/or cancellations. This procedure has now been enhanced by linking member's cell phones to receive this early morning cancellation message. To link your phone, contact **Webmaster Howie Bacharach** (hbacharach@aol.com) and provide your mobile phone number and the name of your wireless carrier.

LARRY MILTONS GOLF TIPS FOR STRUGGLING SENIOR GOLFERS:

Chapter 6: How to strategically use your shadow on the green to confuse your opponent.

NEW MEMBERS - FEBRUARY

Mike Baumstark – Frisco
Andrew Braun - Trophy Club
Dave Brigman – Dallas
Sam Carrel – Carrollton
Joe Cline – McKinney
Dan DuBois – McKinney
Brad Goethals – Grapevine
Pat Hussey –Dallas
Ricky Parker – Addison
Dan Ryan – Frisco
Cary Schneider – Plano
Jim Sendejas – Addison
Greg Tomlinson – McKinney



NTSGA.....THE BEGINNING

The North Texas Senior Golf Association was founded Feb 15, 1963. The first President was R.R. McClafferty who was an assistant at Cedar Crest Golf Course for 14 years and is noted as the founder of NTSGA. Records indicate that there were 36 original members that paid \$10.00 annual dues. These members played 13 tournaments a <u>year</u>. In contrast, Tournament Chairman, **Rod Wells** has scheduled 42 tournaments for us to play this year, with the possibility of adding 7 more. In the beginning, NTSGA played only the Dallas city courses: Tenison, Stevens Park, Cedar Crest, L.B. Houston and Keeton. The first Club Championship in 1963 was played over 3 days at Eastern Hills Country Club. Review our schedule for this year and look at the nice courses **Rod** has us scheduled to play.

HOLE-IN-ONE: DAVID STARKEY

Two year NTSGA member, **David Starkey** recorded the first Hole-In-One of the 2019 season at Firewheel (Lakes Course). The ace was made from 128 yards using his 6 hybrid club on Hole #8. His great shot was witnessed by playing partners **Dennis Smith, Scott Daum** and **Phil Sykes**. This is **David's** 2nd hole-in-one made during his golfing days. He is a long time Dallas native growing up in Pleasant Grove, graduating from Samuel High School before attending Eastland College in Mesquite. **David** retired after 30 years working for merged companies Dallas Power & Light, TXU and Oncor providing commercial and residential electricity related products and services. NTSGA is happy to add \$200.00 to **David's** bank balance.

CONGRATULATIONS, DAVID STARKEY

SAD NEWS:

Former NTSGA member, Chris Haas has died. Chris was a loyal member of the organization for 15 years. He served on the Board of Directors for 3 years as our President/Vice President during 2014-2015. No further details are known in regards to Chris' passing.

Rest in Peace, Chris Haas.

PREVENTING SLOW PLAY....

On the tee box it is acceptable for players to "hit when ready." If you made birdie or eagle on the previous hole, promptly get out of the cart, put the tee in the ground and hit. Your foursome should attempt to catch up to the group ahead.

HOLE-IN-ONE: MIKE JONES

First two tournaments of 2019....2 Holes-In-One!! WOW!

The second ace was made by **Mike Jones** on #2 of the Masters course on Firewheel Bridges. Playing partners **Harold Wilkowsky**, **Scott Eskridge** and **Ken Wagner** witnessed Mike's great shot to the uphill par 3. This is the second hole-in-one made during his golfing days. **Mike** also has the distinction of recording the low gross round during our 2018 tournaments....16 times.

He spent time all over the world as his father served as an Air Force pilot, stationed in Germany and the Azores Islands in the North Atlantic Ocean during Mike's childhood. **Mike** graduated from Killeen High School before attending the Univ. of Texas at Arlington. He worked in the finance industry and is a self-made entrepreneur now residing in Richardson.

NTSGA is happy to add \$200.00 to Mike's NTSGA Bank.

CONGRATULATIONS, MIKE JONES!

FUNNY....

Where did white man go wrong? An old Indian Chief sat in his hut on the reservation, smoking a ceremonial pipe and eyeing two U.S. Government officials sent to interview him.

"Chief Two Eagles", asked one official, "You have observed the white man for 90 years. You've seen his wars and his material wealth. You've seen his progress and the damage he's done."

The chief nodded that it was so.

The official continued, "Considering all these events, in your opinion, where did the white man go wrong?"

The chief stared at the government officials for over a minute and then calmly replied, "When white man found the land, Indians were running it. No taxes, no debt, plenty buffalo, plenty beaver, women did all the work, medicine man free, Indian man spent all day hunting and fishing, all night having sex."

Then the chief leaned back and smiled, "White man dumb enough to think he could improve system like that?"