NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2019

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

- Eleven new members join NTSGA this month. See their introductions in this newsletter.
- USGA has altered some rules of golf. See these new rules in this newsletter.
- Start times for our tournaments is 8:30 until mid-March.
- Glancing back at some interesting statistics from last year are also included in this newsletter.
- Firewheel (Lakes) & Firewheel (Bridges) use different clubhouses...see Directions.

BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY

Pete Archbold 31st Armando Hinojos 19th Ray Patak 18th Jim Yarbrough 17th Frank Arnold 29th
Charles Johnson 16th
Dennis Smith 23rd

Mike Barker 29th John Jones 29th Phil Sykes 4th Jalil Daneshfar 4th Art Krueger 5th Marc Walker 28th

DECEMBER TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

Players	Percentage	Low	Low
	of full field	Gross	Net

Dec. 5 Pecan Hollow 93 72% **Mike Jones** 66 **Joel Rogers** 61

NEXT 2 TOURNAMENTS:

Jan. 9 Firewheel – Lakes	8:30
Jan. 16 Firewheel – Bridges	8:30

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES....

Jan. 9 <u>Firewheel - Lakes</u> (Garland) 972-205-2765; 600 W. Blackburn Rd. Take Geo. Bush Turnpike, exit at No. Garland Ave. Turn north. At 2nd traffic light, turn right. Course entrance ¼ mile on right.

Jan 16 <u>Firewheel - Bridges</u> (Garland) 972-205-2795; 1535 Brand Rd. Take Geo Bush Turnpike east, exit at Brand Rd., turn left (north) 1 mile, course entrance on left.

PUN INTENDED:

Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, "You stay here; I'll go on a head."

FORWARD TEES:

Members over 75 years of age may tee off from the forward tees, if desired, but must notify Handicap Chairman, **Howie Bacharach** (972-620-2602) or hbacharach@aol.com These members must remain on the forward tees for a minimum of 6 months. Members younger than 75 years of age may also tee off from the forward tees providing their handicap is 18 or above. They must also remain at this tee box for a minimum of 6 months.

IRONMEN: 2018

The following members displayed their loyalty to NTSGA by playing in over 40 rounds of golf during 2018:

Roger Ball, Gene Clark, Clint Culp, Gene Edmondson, Basil Greaves, Dwight Johnson, Tom McMahan, Elliott Prater, Paul Price, **Mike Robertson**, Pete Schoemann, Dennis Smith, Tim Strobel and Rod Wells.

Mike Robertson competed in all 46 tournaments during the year!

SLOW PLAY: START SMART

Our start times are always the same (8:30 winter and 8:00 summer). Make it a point to arrive at the course early enough to check-in, hit range balls and gather all the essentials (balls, tees, glove and appropriate clothing for the day) and be ready to play after leaving the staging area when released by the Tournament Chairman.

SCORECARD PLAYOFFS....

Each flight pays off 6 places and occasionally after computing net scores within the flights, 2 or more players are tied for 5th and 6th place money. These ties are resolved electronically by the computer comparing scorecards, starting at Hole #18 and working in reverse order.

MORE GOLF: DOUG SHACKELFORD

NTSGA member, **Doug Shackelford** is helping to organize a Vietnam Veterans Golf Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 5 at the Cedar Crest Golf Club. This charitable event is sponsored by Dallas Chapter 137 of the Vietnam Veterans of America. The cost is \$90.00 per person with a 10:00 shotgun start. Doug encourages golfers to join him for great golf, prizes and a nice meal with the Vets after the round.

For additional information call **Doug** at 214-914-3333 or 1putt333@gmail.com

2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:



Front row: Past Pres. Roger Ball, President Gene Edmondson, Vice Pres. Phil Abel, Secy. Phil Fahs, Treasurer Pete Schoemann. Back row: Director Terry Bell, Director Greg Windsor, Tournament Chairman Rod Wells, Director Gerald Gotcher, Director Tom McMahan. Absent: Handicap Chairman/Webmaster Howie Bacharach.

NAVY PILOT CREED:

The three best things in life are: A good landing, a good orgasm and a good bowel movement. The night carrier landing in driving rain is one of the few opportunities in life where you get to experience all three at the same time!

CLEVER ANSWER....

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store but she couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy. "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead!"

LARRY MILTONS GOLF TIPS FOR STRUGGLING SENIOR GOLFERS:

Chapter 5: How and when to give the Marshal the finger!

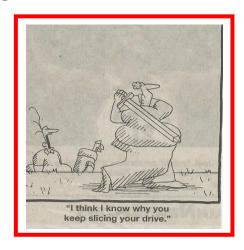
OOPS!!

In the December newsletter, new member **Johnny Tharp's** name was inadvertently omitted from the list of members successfully playing in the required number of tournaments for the year. Johnny needed to play in 6 events and he played in 10 tournaments. Thank you, Johnny...sorry for the omission.

NEW MEMBERS – JANUARY:

Ken Blanck - Dallas **Greg English** – Farmersville Mike Farrar – Farmers Branch **Dave Jaime** – McKinnev **Bud Kordsmeir** – Frisco **Tommy Neale** – Flower Mound **Ted Rickenbacher** – Dallas

Brad Price – Midlothian Roger Schlegel – Dallas Rick Van Meter - Fate Mike Williams - Dallas



FUN FACTS FROM 2018:

Tournaments Scheduled: 47

Tournaments canceled due to weather: 7 Tournaments added/rescheduled: 6

Tournaments played: 46

Club Champion: Rob Ruth (Medalist) Back Tees, 148

Jim Krause – Front Tees, 155

Low Gross Round: Mike Jones 66 (Pecan Hollow)

Member recording Low Gross Round the most times: **Mike Jones** (16)

Low Net Round: Terry Rivard 53 (Frisco Lakes)

Member recording Low Net Round the most times: **Dwight Johnson** (4)

Holes-in-One: 5...

Bob King, WestRidge #14

Joe Philpott, Bridlewood #8

Bob Wands, Canyon Creek C.C. #17

Armando Hinojos, Buffalo Creek #12

Bobby Wood, Grapevine (Mockingbird) #12

Number of rounds played: 4,935 Average players per round: 107 Most active golf months: August, May New members joining in 2018: 61

Favorite courses (determined by member participation): Frisco Lakes, The Tribute, Grapevine.

AGE SHOOTERS – DECEMBER:

Tom McMahan 12/5 Pecan Hollow 76 Joel Rogers 12/5 Pecan Hollow 75 Bill Roll 12/5 Pecan Hollow 79

Q. What does the word 'Benign' mean?

A. Benign is what you will be after you be eight!

Copy this page and keep it handy: IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING......

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Anything pertaining to Newsletters, Association correspondence, Constitution, By-Laws, roster information changes, prospective member waiting list, archive records from previous years, new members, holes-in-one and annual election of Officers and Directors, contact:

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Anything pertaining to tournament sign-ups, annual schedule, weekly pairing sheet, tournament check-in, member participation, course tee markers, excessive sign-up/drops and future golf courses, contact:

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Anything pertaining to the NTSGA website, handicap computation, tournament flight results, individual rounds played, scorecards, age shooters, 2-man team results and skins payouts, contact:

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NEW USGA GOLF RULES BEGINNING JAN. 1, 2019:

Thanks to Rob Ruth for submitting.

- 1. SEARCH TIME: Reduced from 5 min. to 3 min. (This has always been an NTSGA rule).
- 2. BALL MOVED DURING SEARCH Replace with no penalty.
- 3. EMBEDDED BALL Free relief anywhere through the course.
- 4. MEASURING A DROP Use longest club in bag (expect putter).
- 5. DROPPING Drop from knee height rather that shoulder.
- 6. TAKING STANCE ON WRONG GREEN IS NOT PERMITTED (To hit previous errant shot).
- 7. BALL UNINTENTIONALLY HITS PLAYER OR EQUIPMENT NO Penalty.
- 8. DOUBLE HIT NO Penalty, counts as only 1 stroke.
- 9. TOUCHING SAND IN BUNKER INCIDENTALLY, IS PERMITTED.
- 10. LOOSE IMPEDIMENTS CAN BE REMOVED ANYWHERE INCLUDING HAZARDS.
- 11. DROPPING A BALL OUT OF BUNKER 2 Penalty strokes. (NTSGA has separate rule).
- 12. WATER HAZARDS now called "penalty areas."
- 13. TOUCHING GROUND IN PENALTY AREA No penalty.
- 14. BALL MOVES ON GREEN AFTER BEING MARKED replace, without penalty.
- 15. BALL ACCIDENTALLY MOVED ON PUTTING GREEN replace, NO penalty.
- 16. ALL DAMAGE TO GREEN CAN NOW BE REPAIRED.
- 17. POSITIONING A CLUB FOR ALIGNMENT IS NOT PERMITTED.
- 18. CADDIE ASSISTING WITH ALIGNMENT IS NOT PERMITTED. (You wish we used caddies).
- 19. PUTTING WITH FLAG STICK IN HOLE IS NOW PERMITTED.
- 20. BALL WEDGED AGAINST FLAG STICK AND SIDE OF HOLE IS DEEMED AS HOLED.

You may also like to view an excellent video: Google: USGA rule changes. Click on the first video: New Golf Rules 2019/the 20 most important changes; OR, go to expertgolf.com and click on Golf Rules 2019.

FUNNY....

Jack was sitting in an airplane when another guy took the seat beside him. The new guy was an absolute wreck, pale, hands shaking, biting his nails and moaning in fear.

"Hey pal, what's the matter?" Jack asked. "Oh man...I've been transferred to California", the other guy answered. "There are crazy people in California and they have shootings, gangs, race riots, drugs, the highest crime rate..."

"Hold on," Jack interrupted, "I've lived in California all my life and it is not as bad as the media says. Find yourself a nice home, go to work, mind your own business, enroll your kids in a good school and it's as safe as anywhere in the world."

The other passenger relaxed and stopped shaking for a moment and said, "Oh, thank you. I've been worried to death, but if you live there and say it's OK, I'll take your word for it. By the way, what do you do for a living?"

"Me?" said Jack, "I'm a tail gunner on the Budweiser truck in Oakland."