

# NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 2019

- Our schedule this month includes 5 very nice golf courses, including Tangleridge...twice.
- When checking in, it helps Rod if you have correct change. Please try to give him exact bills...Thanks.
- **Treasurer Pete Schoemann** has added \$15.00 to each members NTSGA Bank account who participated in the Ridgeview Ranch event on May 29. These members endured a thorough soaking as the heavens let loose with rain during our tournament, forcing cancellation.
- Aim to play your shot in 20 seconds. From club selection to pre-shot routine to execution, strive to hit your shot in 20 seconds when it is your turn to play. Help keep play moving at a brisk pace.
- **Handicap Chairman, Howie Bacharach** uses USGA recommended Equitable Stroke Control for calculating members, and guest's current handicaps. This provides a more stable and accurate method of weekly computation of handicaps.

## BIRTHDAY'S FOR JULY

Roger Ball 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Dan Dubois 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Mike Jones 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Judge Perry 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Rick Wiley** 24<sup>th</sup>

James Bateman 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Scott Eskridge 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Bill Kibler 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Pete Schoemann 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Mike Williams 7<sup>th</sup>

**Michael Boring** 31<sup>st</sup>  
 Gerald Gotcher 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Larry Kimberlin 1<sup>st</sup>  
 David Tovar 30<sup>th</sup>  
**James Wu** 10<sup>th</sup>

Jay Crawford 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Basil Greaves 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Tommy Neale 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Bob Wands 23<sup>rd</sup>

## JUNE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
June 5 Sky Creek Ranch	85	66%	<b>Mike Jones</b> 70	<b>Gene Edmondson</b> 58
June 12 Heritage Ranch C.C.	128	100%	<b>Andrew Braun</b> 71	<b>Dan Pecenka</b> 63
June 19 Prairie Lakes	107	83%	<b>Brad Goethals</b> 72	<b>Rod Wells</b> 63
June 26 Cowboys G.C.	130	101%	<b>Scott Eskridge</b> 71	<b>Paul Price</b> 59

## VOLUNTEERS:

Would you like to play Old American Golf Club for free?

You can do so by volunteering to work at the LPGA tour event October 3-6. Additional information can be obtained from the website: [www.voaclassic.com](http://www.voaclassic.com) The \$50.00 volunteer fee includes 2 shirts, 1 hat and 4 meals during the tournament.

**PUN INTENDED....**

52 cards = 1 decacards

## NEXT 6 TOURNAMENTS

July 3 Firewheel – Bridges

July 10 Tangleridge

July 17 Grapevine ...the southern entry across the Lake Grapevine dam may be open!

July 24 Sky Creek Ranch

July 31 Tangleridge

August 7 Frisco Lakes

### DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES:

July 3 Firewheel (Bridges) (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.

July 10 Tangleridge (Grand Prairie) 972-299-6837; 818 Tangle Ridge Dr. Take I-35E south thru downtown Dallas. Bear right at the Hwy 67 split, towards Cleburne. After passing under I-20, drive 8.7 miles, exit at Lake Ridge Pkwy., right turn, drive 2 miles. Turn left at Park Ridge Dr. (traffic light), follow signs through residential area for approx. 1.2 miles to golf course entrance. Or, drive south on the George Bush Turnpike through Arlington towards I-20. Exit at Lake Ridge Parkway (the exit before I-20) and continue south for approx 8.5 miles. After exiting 2<sup>nd</sup> bridge, drive .8 mile turning right at the traffic light to enter the Tangleridge housing area. Drive approx. 1.2 miles (go past elementary school). Turn right at Park Ridge Ct. (Leads to golf course).

July 17 Grapevine (Grapevine) Drive west on LBJ freeway (I-635). Approaching the north end of DFW airport, take exit #36B. Stay in the left lane and follow signs for Hwy 121 North/Texas 2499. Then follow signs to Texas 2499 (Flower Mound). Drive several miles and after passing 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light (Gerault Rd.) drive .8 mile and turn left at Lakeside Village Blvd./Silveron Blvd. (no traffic light). Drive .3 mile to roundabout. Enter roundabout and come out headed south. Drive .6 mile (go past the spillway). Course entrance on left at dead end.

July 24 Sky Creek Ranch (Keller) 817-498-1414; 600 Promontory Dr. Drive LBJ Frwy towards DFW Airport, take Hwy 121 south (it goes south for ½ mile, and then turns west). At the Hwy 121/114 split, bear right towards Bridgeport, exit at Southlake Blvd. Turn left, drive 4.9 miles. Left turn at Randol Mill (Dunkin' Donuts on left, Shell station on right). Randol Mill turns into Davis Blvd. in a few blocks. Drive .9 miles to 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light. Right turn at Bear Creek Pkwy. Drive 1.4 miles through residential area. Watch for small sign to Sky Creek Ranch. Right turn at Promontory Dr., leads to club.

July 31 Tangleridge (Grand Prairie) see directions above.

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.

### SAD NEWS...

Bobby Wood's wife, Joann passed away on June 10. Born in Tyler, TX, Joann was a lifelong resident of Dallas and voted the most popular girl at North Dallas High School in 1956. She attended Texas Tech University and worked for Paragon IT solutions, retiring in 2001.

Sincere condolences from NTSGA go out to Bobby and the entire Wood family.

## 2019 U.S. OPEN POT

This year's U.S. Open would be played on the Monterey Peninsula over the scenic Pebble Beach Golf Links. Seventy three selections were made by NTSGA members in hopes that their combo selections would play sparkling golf and allow them to win this year's U.S. Open Pot. The overwhelming favorites were no surprise as members favored Brooks Koepka, Rory McIlroy, Jordan Spieth and Dustin Johnson.



Day 1 presented the players with chilly weather conditions, however, calm winds made scoring ideal for the golfers. The pros took advantage of the soft greens and lack of wind as they recorded 17 eagles during the day. Four golfers (Aaron Wise, Rickie Fowler, Xander Schauffele and Louis Oosthuizen) were tied for the lead until Justin Rose finished with 3 straight birdies and surged to the top of the leaderboard. This thrilled NTSGA members **Roger Nondorf, Gene Lindsey** and **Basil Greaves** as they all had Rose as ½ of their combo picks.

Day 2 began under overcast conditions and big hitting Gary Woodland bolted to the top of the leaderboard by setting a course record after the completion of 36 holes. Ironically, not one NTSGA member selected Woodland to win this year's U.S. Open. Many NTSGA golfers had teams still in play as only 3 of the combo selections failed to make the cut: Jimmy Walker, Richard Lee and Justin Thomas. Closest golfers to Woodland included Rory McIlroy, Justin Rose, Matt Kuchar and Brooks Koepka.

The loudest cheers were coming from NTSGA households of **Jim Yarbrough, John Carrick, Gene Edmondson, Tim Strobel, Pete Romanyak, Bob King, Ollie Cromwell, Frank Smith** and **Roger Nondorf** as their teams were vying for a high finish after the completion of 3 rounds. With overcast conditions and softer greens, the pros have been scoring well. If the sun shines on Sunday's final round, the pros will be confronted with much different playing conditions.

The sun did not make an appearance for the final round as a marine layer of clouds continued to shroud the Monterey Peninsula. Gary Woodland maintained a 2 shot lead to begin Day 4, but Brooks Koepka came out of the gate charging hard as he recorded 4 birdies in his first 5 holes to pull within 1 stroke of taking over the lead. Gary Woodland played steady golf, however, and after 18 holes, hoisted the U.S. Open championship trophy. His victory was the lowest score ever recorded for a championship at Pebble Beach besting the 4 round scores of Tiger Woods, Tom Kite, Jack Nicklaus, Tom Watson and Graeme McDowell throughout the years.

There was a 6 way tie for 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> place in this year's U.S. Open Pot by NTSGA members **Frank Smith, Roger Nondorf, Tim Strobel, Pete Romanyak, Dave Bramlett** and **Ollie Cromwell**. All selected Brooks Koepka (2) & Rory McIlroy (T9): \$24.00. The overall winner was **Mike Vestal**. Brooks Koepka (2) & Adam Scott (T7): \$219.00.

### CONGRATULATIONS: MIKE VESTAL!

The next major pot selections will be for the Open Championship (British Open) played at Royal Portrush in Northern Ireland this month. Selections can be made via email: [pfahs57@yahoo.com](mailto:pfahs57@yahoo.com) or during sign-in at Grapevine, July 17.

## SKINS...

It is not necessary to sign-up for Skins (Net or Gross) online. This can be done at the sign-in table, thereby eliminating the redundant emails to sign-up online. It is also the preferred method of sign-up by the Skins Coordinators.

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

Chapter 15: The appropriate time to suggest major swing changes to your opponent.

## SIGN-UP ERRORS—

The website sign-up procedure is very easy to use; however, mistakes are still creating errors for **Tournament Chairman, Rod Wells.**

- 1) If you sign-up a friend, please make sure he can play. If you sign him up and he doesn't show up, you have prevented another member the chance to play if he was dropped because of excessive sign-ups.
- 2) Please sign-up at the sign-in table (for the following week) or the website...but not both.
- 3) If you need to cancel for some reason after signing up, use the Cancellation tab on the website. It's very simple. Please attempt to do this prior to noon on Monday before a Wednesday tournament.

## AGE SHOOTERS – JUNE

**Tom McMahan** 6/19 Prairie Lakes G.C. 78

**Jim Krause** 6/26 Cowboys G.C. 75

God didn't create anything without a purpose....but mosquitos come close!

## SLOW PLAY...

## ... RANDY SKINNER

When sharing a cart, use the buddy system. Don't wait in the cart while your cartmate hits and then drive to your ball. Get out and walk to your ball with a few clubs. Be ready to play when it is your turn and then let your cartmate pick you up. Or, drive to your ball after you drop your cartmate off and then pick him up after you hit.

## COWBOY'S....

The June 26<sup>th</sup> tournament at Cowboy's Golf Club was enjoyed by all who played. The course/greens were in terrific shape; the pro shop/cart personnel were very helpful and the complimentary lunch and on-course snacks were a nice addition to our outing. NTSGA contributed a \$30.00 subsidy for each member who played. We play Cowboy's again a week before Thanksgiving on Nov. 20.

