

NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 2019

- There was a 15-way tie for the winnings of the PGA Championship Pot. Read the write-up in this newsletter.
- The June 5th tournament at Sky Creek Ranch is the halfway point on our 2019 schedule. Have you played in at least 10 tournaments thus far? Remember, you need to participate in a minimum of 20 events to keep your membership active. New members' rounds are pro-rated depending on the month they joined NTSGA.
- Many members have linked their cell phones to receive early morning tournament cancellation messages due to weather. If you haven't linked your cell phone, but would like to, contact **Webmaster Howie Bacharach** at hbacharach@aol.com or 972-620-2602.
- We've already canceled 7 tournaments this year due to weather. It's time for the weather God's to send us some good golf weather!

BIRTHDAY'S FOR JUNE

Greg Denzer 25th
Rodger Jones 7th
Stan Robertson 4th
Rod Wells 26th

Sterling Forsythe 29th
Tim Kosciński 1st
Bill Roll 17th

Brad Goethals 5th
Jim Krause 30th
Roger Schlegel 17th

Dave Jaime 29th
Brad Mink 22nd
Mike Vestal 30th

MAY TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
May 1 Prairie Lakes...Canceled due to weather.				
May 8 Grapevine...Canceled due to weather.				
May 15 Waterchase	118	92%	Andrew Braun 71	Gene Lindsey 65 Roger Nondorf 65
May 22 Hurricane Creek C.C.	127	99%	Gary Nelson 70	Gary Nelson 63
May 29 Ridgeview Ranch...Canceled due to weather.				

PUN INTENDED...

2000 pounds of Chinese soup = 1 won ton!

NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS...

June 5 Sky Creek Ranch

June 12 Heritage Ranch C.C.

June 19 Prairie Lakes

.....Eddleman's BBQ available for purchase

June 26 Cowboys G.C.

.....Includes Buffet Lunch

July 3 Firewheel (Bridges)

If you want to make everyone happy, don't be a leader....sell ice cream!

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

June 5 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 2nd 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.

June 12 Heritage Ranch C.C. (Fairview) 972-549-0276; 465 Scenic Ranch Circle. Take US-75 (Central Expwy) north, exit at Stacy Rd., right turn (east) 3 miles to the dead end (FM 1378). Turn left, then an immediate right, back onto Stacy Rd. Continue east for ½ mile, course entrance on left (gated community).

June 19 Prairie Lakes (Grand Prairie) 972-263-0661; 3202 SE 14th St. Drive I-35 southbound, take the Loop 12 split towards Irving. Drive approx. 10 miles south, then take Spur 408 for about 1½ miles and make a right turn onto Hwy 303 driving west over Mountain Creek Lake. On the other side of the lake, turn left @ SE 14th St. (traffic light). Course entrance approx. ½ mile on left.

June 26 Cowboys G.C. (Grapevine) 817-410-3377; 1600 Fairway Dr. Take LBJ Frwy west, towards DFW airport. Prior to the airport entry, exit at Bass Pro Dr., continue to the traffic light. Turn left, drive over Hwy 121, past the Embassy Suites Hotel to the next traffic light (Hwy 26). Turn left, drive ½ mile to next traffic light, turn right (Fairway Dr.) Course entrance ¼ mile on right, before crossing the Grapevine Lake dam.

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.

AGE SHOOTERS-MAY Butch Vaut 5/22 Hurricane Creek C.C. 73

RAINOUT/CANCELLATION....RIDGEVIEW RANCH

Due to the severe rain storms and forced cancellation of our round at Ridgeview Ranch on May 29, all monies collected for skins and two-man team competition will be carried over to the next round the member plays.

LARRY MILTON'S GOLF TIPS FOR STRUGGLING SENIOR GOLFERS:

Chapter 14: How to relax when you are hitting three off the tee.

SLOW PLAY...

....Randy Skinner

Develop an eye for distance...You don't have to step off yardages for every shot. If you need to determine precise distance, try to find a yardage marker before you reach your ball, then step off the yardage on the way to your ball. Or, consider investing in an electronic range finder or global positioning system for golf and use it. If others you are playing with are not familiar with the course, verbally exchange yardages with them to keep play moving.

FedEx is expected to merge with its competitor, UPS and become: FedUP

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, USGA or the R & A!**

Rule 3.B.3 (G) – There is no such thing as a lost ball. The missing ball is on or near the golf course and will eventually be found and pocketed by someone else, thereby making it a stolen ball. The senior player is not to compound the felony by charging himself with a penalty.

FROM THE YEAR, 1955...

When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 25 cents a gallon. Guess we'd better off leaving the car in the garage!

EXCESSIVE SIGN-UPS

Sometimes more than the maximum numbers of players (128) sign up for our tournaments. When this happens, Tournament Chairman **Rod Wells** uses a computer selected random list of all members and calls or emails the number of members in excess of 128. He informs them that they will not be able to play in that event. (NTSGA By-Laws Article VI, Section 5).

Don't feel as if you're being picked upon, as you will not be excluded from a tournament again until all 215 members have been screened and forced to sit out an event.

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP POT – 2019

This year's PGA Championship was played over the Bethpage Black Golf Course on Long Island outside of New York City. A sign outside the clubhouse stated that the course was very difficult and should not be played unless you were a professional or a very low handicap golfer. Someone evidently forgot to get this word to Brooks Koepka as he blistered the course by breaking the course record shooting a sparkling 63 during the opening round. Not only did Koepka play well, but Danny Lee only trailed Koepka by 1 stroke under beautiful weather conditions for the first round of this PGA Championship. 156 players began play in this year's tournament and the most popular selections by NTSGA members were the aforementioned Brooks Koepka, Dustin Johnson, Rickie Fowler, Rory McIlroy and Tiger Woods. 101 selections were made and those NTSGA members hoped they had the right combo selections paired with the leader.



Day 2 began also with great weather for this Championship, but rain and wind were forecast for the weekend. Dallas' own Jordan Spieth played excellent golf and climbed the leaderboard to move into 2nd place behind Brooks Koepka. The day, however, belonged to Koepka who set another course record for a major championship by recording the lowest 36-hole score in major tournament history. His second day 65 now had him out in front of the closest pursuers, Jordan Spieth and Adam Scott by 7 strokes. The cut was made after this round much to the dismay of 30 NTSGA members as many of their choices would not be playing on the weekend. Those missing the cut included Tiger Woods, Bryson DeChambeau, Jon Rahm, Sergio Garcia, Lee Westwood and Kevin Kisner. The excitement was building in the households of 12 NTSGA members who had selected Brooks Koepka. They were now hoping their combo selections would finish high on the leaderboard enabling them to capture the pot for this year's second major tournament. The loudest of these cheers were coming from the homes of **Ben Robinson** and **Joe Ben Ramos** as both were sitting on a Koepka/Spieth combination.

Day 3 began with Brooks Koepka holding a 7 stroke lead on what touring pros said was the hardest course they played this year. Not one player played well enough to gain ground on Koepka and at the end of the day he still had a 7 stroke lead over Dustin Johnson and a 9 stroke lead over Jordan Spieth.

The winds started blowing on Sunday's final round frustrating many players who were recording scores close to 80. Wind gusts up to 35 kts. had balls blowing into bunkers and tall wispy grasses in the rough. Playing steady golf on the front side, Koepka appeared to be cruising to another major championship victory. However, a chink in the armor finally surfaced on Koepka's back nine as he made 4 straight bogies enabling the hard charging Dustin Johnson to close within 1 stroke with 2 holes to play. Koepka settled down making pars on the final holes as Johnson finished with 2 bogies, sealing Koepka's victory. Brooks Koepka has now won back to back PGA Championships and vaulted into first place in the world rankings.



Many NTSGA golfers had their combo selections set on the Koepka/D.Johnson duo resulting in a 15-way tie for the PGA Championship Pot. Congratulations to: **John Stieneker, Greg Windsor, Jalil Daneshfar, Roger Nondorf, Rob Ruth, Tom Hatfield, Tom McMahan, Jim Rowley, Dave Bramlett, Frank Smith, Rod Wells, John Carrick, Eddie Marshall, Bill Lambert and Gary Norman.** Each pocketed \$33.00.

The next major Pot selection will be for the US Open which will be played this month over the Pebble Beach Golf Links, June 13-16. NTSGA selections can be made June 12 at Heritage Ranch.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING.....

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