

# NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 2020

- See the write-up of the Masters Pot results in this newsletter.
- NTSGA will observe a holiday break from Dec. 10 to mid-January 2021.
- The 2020 Board of Directors will remain in their current office positions during 2021.
- **Gene Lindsey** and **John Anderson** are the only member's recording Holes-in-One, so far this year.
- Tournament Chairman **Rod Wells** has added Watters Creek to our schedule on Dec. 9. Watch the website for the latest updates.

## BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

Lynn Beyler 7 <sup>th</sup>	John Campbell 4 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Dreiling 8 <sup>th</sup>	Alan Duncan 10 <sup>th</sup>
Rick Gustafson 1 <sup>st</sup>	Allen Lacour 11 <sup>th</sup>	Gene Lindsey 9 <sup>th</sup>	Don Marks 12 <sup>th</sup>
Dennis Meyer 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Nitcholas 28 <sup>th</sup>	Gary Norman 8 <sup>th</sup>	James Powell 6 <sup>th</sup>
Joel Rogers 30 <sup>th</sup>	Pete Romanyak 31 <sup>st</sup>	Mel Rosser 28 <sup>th</sup>	Harry Schmidt 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Joe Shelton 31 <sup>st</sup>	Doug Smith 27 <sup>th</sup>	Ralph Westbrook 12 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Wheeler 22 <sup>nd</sup>
LeRoy Worm 24 <sup>th</sup>			

**\*\*Dave Dreiling** and **Gary Norman** are twins...just born to different parents!

## NOVEMBER PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Nov. 4 Hurricane Creek C.C.	128	100%	<b>Mike Jones 73</b>	<b>Bruce Barlow 70</b> <b>Bobby Clay 70</b>
Nov. 11 Bridlewood	122	95%	<b>Mike Jones 70</b>	<b>Bobby Clay 64</b>
Nov. 18 Lantana	126	98%	<b>Doug Shackelford 72</b>	<b>Ron Cremer 69</b>
Nov. 23 Waterchase	68	53%	<b>Rob Ruth 71</b>	<b>Sterling Forsythe 72</b>

## PUN INTENDED...

To the thief who stole my glasses...I will find you, I have contacts!

## NEXT 2 TOURNAMENTS

Dec. 2 Pecan Hollow (Plano)

Dec 9 Watters Creek (Plano)

## DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

Dec. 2 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. (Careful of oncoming traffic).

Dec. 9 Watters Creek (Plano) 972-517-7777; 7201 Chase Oaks Blvd. Drive I-75 (Central Expwy). Exit at Legacy Dr., turn west. At 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light, (Chase Oaks Blvd) turn right. Course ½ mile on left.

## LAWS OF GOLF

.....**John Stieneker**

Law #11: A golfer hitting into your foursome will always be bigger than anyone in your group. Likewise, a group you accidentally hit into will consist of a football player, a professional wrestler, a convicted murderer and an IRS agent.

## SAD NEWS.....

Ten year member Dick Hall lost his wife, Nickey who passed away on Nov. 16. No services are planned at this time. Our thoughts, prayers and condolences go out to the entire Hall family.

Rest in Peace, Nickey Hall.

Fact: The longest golf hole in the world is the 7<sup>th</sup> hole (par 7) of the Sano Course at the Satsuki Golf Club in Japan. It measures an incredible 909 yards.

## ENTRY FEE.....

At check-in, some members tell Tournament Chairman, **Rod Wells** to deduct the entry fee from their NTSGA bank.....when they don't have sufficient funds in their account.

There is a \$25.00 insufficient funds charge assessed to the member if this occurs. This should never happen as all account balances are updated and available for viewing at each tournament site.

During the middle ages they celebrated the end of the plague with wine and orgies. Does anyone know if there is anything planned when this one ends?

## 2020 MASTER'S POT

The 84<sup>th</sup> edition of the Masters Golf Tournament played in November would be like no other! Due to Coronavirus restrictions, there would be no spectators, no azaleas, no concessions and no grandstands. Each player was allowed to bring a coach/instructor and 1 guest onto the grounds. Approximately 100 press personnel were the only other spectators at the Augusta National Golf Course. Heavy rains caused by Tropical Storm ETA drenched the course before



Thursday, making the course soggy and soft. These were ideal scoring conditions for promoting low scores and Paul Casey led the way after the first round, shooting a sparkling 65. Ninety three selections were made by NTSGA members hoping that their picks would be the winning combination of this year's Masters. The most popular selections were golfers that had been playing well during the last couple of months, including Justin Thomas, Xander Schauffele, Jon Rahm, Bryson DeChambeau, Dustin Johnson and Rory McIlroy.

Day 2's round did not start until 10:00 while 44 players completed Round 1. With shortened hours due to Daylight Savings Time, another 46 players would have to complete their second round on Saturday morning prior to commencing Round 3. Ninety six players started this year's Masters and after the completion of Friday's round the field was cut to 50 players plus ties to continue playing for this year's green jacket. Ironically, this only knocked out 11 selections from the NTSGA member's combo selections. Leaders after the completion of Round 2 were Abraham Ancer, Dustin Johnson, Cameron Smith and Justin Thomas. Dustin Johnson played flawless golf on Saturday and led the field by 4 strokes at the end of the day. Johnson was 1/2 of the NTSGA combo picks by 24 members. The NTSGA front runners at that point were **John Stieneker, Roger Nondorf, Gene Edmondson, Dan Pecenka and Randy Nicholson.**

Sunny conditions greeted the golfers for the final round. Leader Dustin Johnson stumbled to begin his round and shortly Cameron Smith and Sungjae Im were only 1 stroke out of the lead. Rory McIlroy made 3 birdies on the outward nine and was trying hard to catch the leaders much to the delight of 13 NTSGA members.

Dustin Johnson played steady golf during the final round and no one could catch up to his stellar play as he captured this year's Masters Tournament by 5 strokes. There were 3 very distinguished Masters records set during this event. Dustin Johnson recorded the lowest winning score (-20) in Masters history. Cameron Smith recorded all 4 rounds in the 60's (another Masters record) and Sungjae Im finished tied for second, the highest finish ever by a first time participant. Three NTSGA golfers tied to win this year's Masters Pot, all selecting Dustin Johnson (1) and Justin Thomas (4). These winners each pocketed \$155.00.

**CONGRATULATIONS, ZANE LATHAM, JOHN STIENEKER AND JACK TANIS!!**

# AGE SHOOTERS – NOVEMBER

**Wayne Mueller** 11/11 Bridlewood 79

**Ken Wagner** 11/11 Bridlewood 76

**Bill Kayser** 11/18 Lantana 76

**David Miller** 11/18 Lantana 80



## DUES:

Association dues for 2021 will be due Jan. 1, 2021. 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.

Here's a novel idea for Christmas: Wrap empty boxes and put them under the tree...every time your grandchild acts up, throw one in the fireplace!

## SCORECARDS:

Pre-printed scorecards are now being used. Printed by Rod/Howie they seem to be enjoyed by all members. In addition to getting all participants names spelled correctly, the cards reflect the course, date of the event, player's names, tees to be used plus course yardage and notes passed along to players. Members names playing from the back tees are printed in black ink; members playing from the forward tees are printed in red ink and guest names are printed in green or magenta color. The starting hole is highlighted in green and corresponds to the starting hole assignment above the players' names, also in green. If you are starting on a par 3 hole, the CTP marker will be left on the cart seat of the players beginning their round at that hole. If you are finishing the round on a par 3 hole, it will be noted on the scorecard to pick up the CTP marker on that hole. This requirement will be highlighted in yellow on the left side of the scorecard and the handicap number on that hole will also be highlighted in yellow.

Having some states lock down and some states not lock down is like having a peeing section in a swimming pool.

At Waterchase, Bruce Barlow, Lynn Beyler, Greg Denzer and Ray Hund forgot to pick up 2 markers (Hole #2 and Hole #7) at the conclusion of their round. When that happens, a Scoring Committee member must drive to those holes to retain the markers as they are the property of NTSGA and not the courses.

Information in this article should enlighten you all the nuances of the now pre-printed scorecard.

## 2021....

COVID-19 has certainly affected our abilities to play much golf during 2020. Even though we have completed 24 rounds of golf, it falls well short of our normal 51 rounds for the year. Very shortly, I will align our roster with 215 members and prepare for an active 2021 season. If the Coronavirus pandemic has you concerned (and this is certainly understandable), medical issues prevent you from participating or you no longer have an interest in playing golf...please let me know. I'd appreciate an email (pfahs57@yahoo.com) or phone call (972-243-3450) to relay your intentions for 2021. Thank you.

## GOLF COURSES:

The golf course superintendents know we have a large group of senior golfers and they strive to make the course in excellent playing condition for our tournaments. They want us returning year after year because we provide them with a nice payday for our Wednesday rounds of golf. Please help the greens keeper by observing a few courtesies of the game: repairing ball marks on the green, filling fairway divots with sand and raking the bunkers. NTSGA maintains an excellent working relationship with area golf course managers and our members can contribute positively to this association by helping the superintendents care for the course.

## FUNNY...

Three men died on Christmas Eve and were met by Saint Peter at the pearly gates. "In honor of this holy season", Saint Peter said, "You must each possess something that symbolizes Christmas to get into heaven."

The first man fumbled through his pockets and pulled out a cigarette lighter. He flicked it on. "It represents a candle", he said. "You may pass through the pearly gates." Saint Peter replied.

The second man reached into his pocket and pulled out a set of keys. He shook them and said, "These are bells." Saint Peter said "You too, may pass through the pearly gates."

The third man started searching desperately through his pockets and finally pulled out a pair of women's panties.

Saint Peter looked at the man with a raised eyebrow and asked, "And just what do those symbolize?"

The man replied, "These are Carols."

And so The Season begins...Merry Christmas to you and all of your families!

*Phil*