NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 2020

- Seven new members join the organization this month. See their introductions in this newsletter.
- Check the website (ntsga.org) late Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning to see if pending inclement weather has forced cancellation of our tournament.
- Here's hoping Pauxatauney Phil does not see his shadow this month.
- Tournament Chairman Rod Wells has changed some of our tournaments from the original schedule, check the website under the schedule tab for correct information.
- This is our 57th year of existence. NTSGA was founded in 1963.

BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY...

Jaun Bergara 23 rd John Carrick 21 st	Ken Blincow 8 th Rocky Crigler 10 th	David Bramlett 14 th Clint Culp 13 th	Dave Brigman 3 rd Duane Draeger 16 th
Chris Henry 23 rd *Bob Lewis 2 nd	Tim Johnson 24 th Dan Locklear 16 th	Bill Kayser 16 th Pat Martin 18 th	Bill Lambert 10 th Dal McKinney 21 st
Danny Millaway 13 th	Gary Nelson 4 th	Ben Orgain 17 th	Elliott Prater 16 th
Joe Ben Ramos 22 nd Rick Van Meter 1 st	Ben Robinson 14 th	Jim Sendejas 14 th	David Starkey 5th

^{*} **Bob Lewis** rises early on his birthday to see if Pauxatauney Phil views his shadow.

JANUARY TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

Players Percentage Low Low of full field Gross Net

Jan. 15 Firewheel-Bridges 128 100% Rob Ruth 69 David Miller 63

Jan. 22 Hurricane Creek C.C. Canceled due to rainy weather.

Jan. 29 Pecan Hollow Canceled due to wet course conditions

AGE SHOOTERS – JANUARY

David Miller 1/15 Firewheel – Bridges 75 **Bob Wands** 1/15 Firewheel – Bridges 81



NEXT 4 TOURNAMENTS...

Feb 5 Ridgeview Ranch Feb 12 Indian Creek (Lakes) Feb 19 Mesquite Feb 26 Bridlewood

If you keep both feet firmly planted on the ground, you'll have trouble putting on your pants.

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES...

Feb 5 Ridgeview Ranch (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 12 <u>Indian Creek (Lakes)</u> (Carrollton) 972-466-9850; 1650 W. Frankford. Drive north on I-35E (Stemmons Frwy). Under the George Bush Turnpike flyover, exit at Frankford Rd. Follow the road as it turns right, drive .6 mile, course entrance on left.

Feb 19 Mesquite (Mesquite) 972-270-7457; 827 North Hwy 67. Drive the George Bush Turnpike east/south. It ends at I-30. Exit right (West) towards Dallas. Drive 2 miles, exit at Belt Line Rd and stay on the service road. Continue on service road, .9 miles past the traffic light. Course entrance on right.

Feb 26 <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.

THE LAWS OF GOLF

...John Stieneker

Law #1: No matter how bad your last shot was, the worst is yet to come. This law does not expire on the 18th hole, since it has the supernatural tendency to extend over the course of a tournament, a summer and a lifetime.

GOLF HANDICAPS:

USGA has recently adopted the World Handicap System changing the method by which golf handicaps are computed. It is supposed to provide a consistent method of measuring skill levels of golfers around the world. NTSGA will also adopt this new method of computing handicaps. **Handicap Chairman Howie Bacharach** has made the changes to our computerized system and individual handicaps will now be reflected by this new World Handicap System. Howie has worked tirelessly on implementation of this new system integrating the changes into our handicap system. He will be happy to answer any questions you may have about this new system by contacting him at 972-620-2602 or hbacharach@aol.com

"Yes Officer, I did see the speed limit sign....I just didn't see you."

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.

NEW MEMBERS: FEBRUARY 2020

Bruce Barlow - Plano
Don Bishop - Dallas
Abel Castro - Plano
Chris Henry - McKinney
Daniel Luttrell - Rockwall
Jack Tanis - Frisco
Denton Wiginton - Plano

When I was a kid, my parents would always say, "Excuse my French" just after a swear word... I'll never forget my first day at school when my teacher asked if any of us knew any French

SCORECARDS....

The pre-printed scorecards have been a valuable asset to the Scoring Committee, since the member's names are all pre-printed. Occasionally, however, **Tournament Chairman Rod Wells** must move players to other carts at the last minute due to a no-show, sickness, etc. Please ensure the names on the card are correct and the scores that are recorded are for the correct member. With many new members recently joining, this confusion could easily happen. If you're unsure of a name, just ask the member.



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 course managers and our members can contribute positively to this association by helping the superintendents care for the course.

PRIZE MONEY PAYOUTS:

Each flight pays off 6 places and occasionally after computing net scores within the flights, 2 or more players are tied for 6th place money. These ties are resolved by comparing scorecards, starting at Hole #18 and working in reverse order. Flight winnings, CTP winnings and Hole-in-one winnings are put into the members Bank. Bank money may be withdrawn by contacting **Treasurer Pete Schoemann** at any tournament site. Bank money may also be used to pay green fees at any event, providing a minimum of \$50.00 is in the member's bank account. Bank totals are available for viewing at the check-in table. Skins winnings and 2-man team winnings are paid by the Coordinators at the tournament site the following week.

FUNNY...

A guy sticks his head into a barbershop and asks, "How long before I can get a haircut?" The barber looked around the shop full of customers and said, "About two hours." The guy left.

A few days later the same guy stuck his head in the door and asked, "How long before I can get a haircut?" The barber looked around at the shop and said, "About three hours." The guy left.

A week later the same guy struck his head in the shop and asked, "How long before I can get a haircut?" The barber looked around the shop and said, "About an hour and a half." The guy left.

The barber turned to a friend and said, "Hey Bill do me a favor. Follow that guy and see where he goes. He keeps asking how long he has to wait for a haircut, but then he never comes back."

A little while later Bill returned to the shop, laughing hysterically. The barber asked, "So where does that guy go when he leaves here?"

Bill looked up, tears in his eyes from laughter and said, "Your house."

