

NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 2020

- Read the results of the U.S. Open Pot in this newsletter.
- Please adhere to all of the current COVID-19 restrictions at our tournaments. Wear face coverings when in the pro-shop and in the check-in line.
- The Board of Directors rendered several decisions on NTSGA annual operations. Read these important decisions in this newsletter.
- Congratulations to **DAVE PATRICK**, the 2020 Club Champion. Look for the Championship results in this newsletter.

BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER

Phil Abel 20 th	Ron Burkholder 21 st	Scott Crabtree 1 st	Greg English 4 th
Dick Fargo 6 th	Dick Fryar 12 th	Randy George 30 th	Randy Grimes 18 th
Jon Grinaldi 3 rd	Phil Head 21 st	Bob King 21 st	Russ Medlin 19 th
David Miller 27 th	Jamie Morphis 16 th	Wayne Mueller 31 st	Bob Murphy 6 th
Jim Rowley 24 th	Pat Scarborough 3 rd	Dave Self 11 th	John Stieneker 31 st
Paul Vessels 4 th	Bobby Vetkoetter 23 rd	Mark Wagner 23 rd	Harry Walsh 7 th
Joe Bob Wheeler 24 th	Harold Wilkowsky 20 th	Gary Zimmerman 15 th	

SEPTEMBER TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Sept. 2 Texas Star – canceled, due to weather.				
Sept. 9 Thorntree	92	71%	Dave Patrick 71	Terry Latham 67
Sept 14 Diamond Oaks C.C.	99	77%	Brad Goethals 72	Greg Howell 66
Sept. 16 Grapevine	122	95%	Mike Jones 69	Bob Kenyon 64
Sept. 22 Stonebridge Rch C.C.	125	97%	Dave Patrick 71	Dave Patrick 69
Sept. 23 Watters Creek	126	98%	Brad Goethals 73 Randy Grimes 73	Phil Fahs 69 Gary Zimmerman 69
Sept 30 Ridgeview Ranch	111	86%	Mike Jones 69	Jim Sendejas 65 Paul Vessels 65 Ralph Westbrook 65

....don't buy a new putter, until you've had a chance to throw it!

NEXT 4 TOURNAMENTS....

Oct. 7 Frisco Lakes, Frisco
Oct. 14 Tangleridge, Grand Prairie
Oct. 21 Heritage Ranch C.C., Fairview
Oct. 28 Waterchase, Arlington

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES:

Oct. 7 Frisco Lakes (Frisco) 972-292-3089; 899 Rose Lane. Take the Dallas No. Tollway north of Sam Rayburn Tollway (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.

Oct. 14 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 2nd 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.

Oct. 21 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 with guard shack).

Oct. 28 Waterchase (Arlington) 817-861-4653; 8951 Creek Run Rd. Take I-30 westbound, past the Rangers Ballpark, exit at Eastchase Pkwy., right turn to 2nd traffic light. (John T. White Rd.) Turn right for 1 block. Right turn at Randol Mill Rd., drive ¼ mile, left turn at Creek Run Rd., (alongside apt. complex), course ½ mile on left.

PUN INTENDED

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble!

HOLE-IN-ONE....GENE LINDSEY

Sixteen year NTSGA member, **Gene Lindsey** recorded the 3rd hole-in-one of his golf career when he aced the 14th hole at the Thorntree Golf Club on Sept. 9th. For his great shot, Gene used his 8 iron to hit the ball exactly 125 yards. His playing partners that day were **Sterling Forsythe, Danny Millaway** and **Jack Martin**....the same partners that witnessed another one of Gene's Holes-in-one at WestRidge G.C. several years ago.



Gene was born and raised in the Dallas area attending Carrollton High School where he played football. (Carrollton High was later re-named R.L. Turner H.S.)

Gene spent a 49 year career working in the multinational telecommunications equipment industry employed by Southwestern Bell, Lucent Technologies and AT&T. This giant conglomerate now has a net worth of \$144B.

NTSGA is happy to add \$200.00 to **Gene's** bank for his great shot.

MORE GOLF....

Four-man charity golf event benefitting Proclaim Cuba, a church ministry in Cuba, played at the WestRidge golf course on November 16th. There will be a 9:00 shotgun start. Cost \$100.00/player. Entry fee includes: Coffee and snacks in the morning, range balls, green fees, cart, closest to the pin prizes, hamburger lunch after the round, raffle prizes and a \$10,000 Hole-in-one jackpot.



For additional information contact NTSGA member, **Eddie Marshall** at 972-740-8646.

DECISIONS....BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

COVID-19 restrictions by the state of Texas and Dallas County, has forced the Board of Directors to render the following decisions:

- 1) The 20 round annual participation requirement deemed by our By-Laws will be waived for all members during 2020.
- 2) The annual Banquet/Business Meeting usually held in November has been canceled.
- 3) All Officers and Directors will remain in office for 2021, thereby eliminating the need for elections this month.
- 4) Tournament fees will be \$40.00 for the remainder of this year.

U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP POT

In the shadows of New York City, the 120th U.S. Open was played over The Winged Foot Golf Club with no spectators due to COVID-19 restrictions. This is an A.W. Tillinghast designed course that the pros say could be the hardest golf course in the country. The rough was expected to be long, the fairways would be narrow and the undulating greens would test every aspect of the pro's games. An even par score might easily win this tournament. Eighty three selections were made by NTSGA members in hopes that they had selected the right combination to win this year's U.S. Open Pot. The most popular selections were, as expected, Collin Morikawa, Dustin Johnson, Justin Thomas, Jon Rahm and Xander Schauffele, all recent winners on tour.



Day 1 witnessed autumn weather as all golfers wore sweaters in cool temperatures. Twenty one golfers weren't listening to any of the hype as they played beautifully and recorded scores under par. Justin Thomas was the leader after the first day, pleasing 20 NTSGA members.

Winged Foot reared its ugly head on Day 2 sending many popular selections home after missing the cut at this year's U.S. Open. Phil Mickelson, Tiger Woods, Jordan Spieth and Collin Morikawa would not be playing on the weekend, knocking out 28 picks made by NTSGA members. Patrick Reed played steady golf to lead the tournament followed by SMU-ex, Bryson DeChambeau, Rafa Cabrera Bello, Harris English and Justin Thomas. Excitement was building in the households of **Bobby Clay**, **John Stieneker**, **Bill Roll**, **Dick Hall**, and **Rick Wiley** as their selections were moving up the leaderboard.

Day 3 began with crystal clear skies as Patrick Reed led the field but was pursued closely by Bryson DeChambeau, Matthew Wolff and Hideki Matsuyama. Many pro's had to gouge shots out of tall rough and by the end of the day Reed had relinquished his lead after 3 bogey's and a double bogey. Vaulting into the lead was 21 year old Matthew Wolff followed by Bryson DeChambeau and Louis Oosthuizen who were the only golfers to still be under par on this tough golf course. NTSGA members **Rick Wiley**, **John Carrick**, **Gene Lindsey**, **Butch Vaut**, **Dick Hall**, **Mike Vestal**, **Bobby Clay** and **Bill Roll** seemed to be in the driver's seat as they all had a good chance to win this year's U.S. Open Pot.

The final round of this year's U.S. Open proved to be a ho-hum round for Champion Bryson DeChambeau. He hit loooong booming drives, accurate iron shots and solid putts. He was the only golfer in the field that finished the tournament under par; (-6). The winner of the NTSGA U.S. Open Pot was **Dick Hall**: Louis Oosthuizen (3)/Xander Schauffele (T5); \$249.00. 2nd place - **Rick Wiley**: Bryson DeChambeau (1)/Justin Thomas (T8); \$103.00 3rd place (Tie). **Tom McMahan**: Dustin Johnson (T5)/ Xander Schauffele (T5): \$31.00, and **Bill Kibler** (Dustin Johnson (T5)/Xander Schauffele (T5); \$31.00

CONGRATULATIONS, DICK HALL!!

Pot selections for the last major tournament of this year can be made at Bridlewood G.C. on November 11th for the Masters Tournament.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity...I just can't put it down!

2020 NTSGA CHAMPIONSHIP....

CHAMPION: DAVE PATRICK (MEDALIST) \$125.00

Round 1: Stonebridge Ranch C.C. (Hills), Tuesday 9/22/2020

Round 2: Watters Creek G.C., Wednesday 9/23/2020

Club Champions- Back Tee: Dave Patrick 71-74, 145 \$125.00

Forward Tee: Jim Krause 84-79, 163 \$125.00

FLIGHT RESULTS (Net)

1st FLIGHT: Back (+1.2 – 8.7)

(1) Jim Staron 157 – 145 \$88.00

(1) Mike Hatfield 159 – 145 \$88.00

2nd FLIGHT: Back (8.8 – 13.0)

(1) Harry Walsh 164 - 144 \$100.00

(2) Rocky Crigler 167 – 145 \$75.00

3rd FLIGHT: Back (13.1 – 17.2)

(1) John Anderson 173 – 145 \$100.00

(2) Scott Daum 176 – 148 \$75.00

4th FLIGHT: Back (17.3 – 29.4)

(1) Paul Vessels 186 – 144 \$100.00

(2) Sterling Forsythe 189 – 145 \$75.00

1st Flight: Forward (10.4 – 41.9)

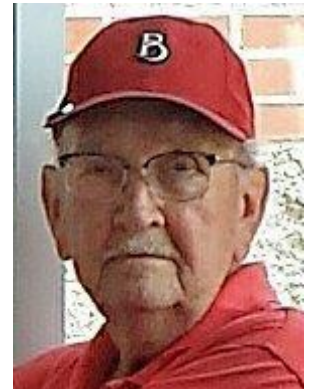
(1) Jerry Walker 175 – 147 \$100.00

(2) Jim Rowley 166-148 \$75.00

SAD NEWS:

The entire North Texas Senior Golf Association mourns the passing of longtime member, Stan Robertson on September 24th. Stan was an 18 year member recording a Hole-in-One in 2012. He played on the victorious NTSGA Ryder Cup Team in 2015 beating the Sherrill Park Seniors organization. Stan served proudly in the United States Air Force and following his military service, worked for the City of Dallas as Director of Streets and Sanitation. He was a very popular member and notoriously always brought a very attractive lady to our Annual Banquet (turns out, it was his beautiful granddaughter, Liza).

Stan will be interred in the DFW National Cemetery in private services.



REST IN PEACE, STAN ROBERTSON.

LAWS OF GOLF

....John Stieneker

Law #9: Sand is alive. Otherwise, how do you explain the way it works against you in a bunker?

FROM TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN, ROD WELLS:

Late cancellations (after noon, 2 days before an event) are creating a problem since NTSGA often times must pay the course for the expected number of players. It causes me to change the pairings, adjust the scorecard printing and alter communications with the course so they can provide necessary staffing, carts, etc. and a possible financial loss to the organization. The Board of Directors are considering charging the member(s) for late cancellations since the course, is sometimes, expecting to receive full field revenue.

Rod

AGE SHOOTERS – SEPTEMBER

Tom McMahan 9/9 Thorntree 75
Tom McMahan 9/16 Grapevine 75
Butch Vaut 9/16 Grapevine 74
Butch Vaut 9/22 Stonebridge Ranch C.C. (Hills) 74
Phil Fahs 9/30 Ridgeview Ranch 81
Jim Krause 9/30 Ridgeview Ranch 72
Tom McMahan 9/30 Ridgeview Ranch 75
Wayne Mueller 9/30 Ridgeview Ranch 74
Jack Thompson 9/30 Ridgeview Ranch 72



SCORECARDS:

There were 3 scorecard errors made at our round at Ridgeview Ranch on the cards of Paul Price, James Powell and Gene Williams. We ask our foursomes to keep 2 cards and bounce the scores against each other to ensure accuracy. It's obvious that some of the foursomes are not doing this or they would've rectified the errors before being caught by the computer. Attention to this detail is all part of participating in the great game of golf.

A truck loaded with Vick's Vaporub overturned on the highway...amazingly there was no congestion for 8 hours!

FROM WEBMASTER, HOWIE BACHARACH:

I am the one who usually sends out notifications whenever a round must be canceled at the last minute. This is a two-step action that includes both a text message and an e-mail notification to players who have signed up for that round.

We had a very unique situation Wednesday, September 2 with Texas Star in that, despite the weather and course conditions, the course staff was hesitant to cancel our tournament until pushed by Rod Wells (NTSGA Tournament Chairman) on-site about 6:30. Although most parts of town received a lot of rain over the previous 24 hours, Euless had a bit less and they wanted us to delay until 10:00. As it turned out, they did not open the course during the morning.

This was an anomaly in terms of the late time of cancellation, but it affected some members and guests who had long distances to drive requiring them to leave home before the cancellation message was sent at 6:30. Also affected were the NTSGA support teams who had arrived early (check-in, skins coordinators and two-man team coordinator).

There is no perfect solution, especially considering the unique weather patterns in North Texas that hit some neighborhoods but not others. The options are being overly cautious by cancelling the day prior, or risk late notification by cancelling the morning of the round. We have not had to delay until 6:30 with notification in several years. Rod usually knows something by 5:45 or 6:00, either through his own judgment or in talking with the courses. Of course, he will always try to make the decision on whether to cancel the day prior if possible.

Our dilemma is that Rod contracts for a fee with courses based on a promised attendance of between 100 – 128 players. Most courses just collect fees for the actual number of players who show up and play, but there are a few that demand full payment for a contracted field of 128. For that reason, goodwill with the courses to continue to book us, and giving our members every chance to play golf, Rod always leans towards completing a tournament whenever possible.

I encourage all players to make the right call for themselves as far as cancelling through our website or by e-mail to Rod. Despite the pressure to participate in the required number of annual rounds, or organizational penalties for late cancellations (driven by our financial commitments to the courses), please always do what you feel is best for you. (If I had over an hour to drive and was not sure of the situation, I would cancel the night before.) **Cancelling ahead of time, however close to the time of the round, is much preferred over a “no show” at the course, which causes distress with pairings and working with the course.** Please do not abuse the option of late cancellation. Late cancellation when a round is played causes extra work for Rod with pairings, scorecard printing, communications with the course in terms of headcount they should expect for staffing, carts, etc., and possible financial loss to NTSGA.

Lastly, the first indication of a cancellation will be the red scrolling message on our home page (www.ntsqa.org). Immediately after that is posted, the text message notification process seems to be the best way to notify players because it can catch you on the road if you are already traveling. If I do not have your cell phone number **AND WIRELESS CARRIER** (ex: Verizon, AT&T, Sprint, etc.) please provide it to me ASAP. If you have changed wireless carriers or cell phone numbers lately, also let me know.

Thank you for playing golf with the North Texas Senior Golf Association and understanding the difficulty we incur in certain weather conditions. We will keep striving for excellence!

Howie

