

NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

- The recently played PGA Championship was very exciting. Read the write-up in this newsletter regarding the NTSGA Championship Pool.
- Reports have surfaced that some foursomes are not putting out. Read the article in this newsletter in regards to this subject.
- COVID-19 guidelines adhered to at all tournaments. Wear face coverings when entering the Pro-Shop/check-in line and maintain 6' social distancing while standing in the check-in line.
- The 2020 Club Championship will be played this month. Read the accompanying article in this newsletter.
- Also in this newsletter, read the article regarding tournament sign-ups/sign-ins.

BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER

Dan Bertschi 28 th	Scott Daum 20 th	Gary Delcambre 5 th	Ron Goethals 22 nd
Pete Huff 13 th	Dwight Johnson 29 th	David Kemp 9 th	Zane Latham 27 th
George Miller 30 th	Dave Patrick 19 th	Terry Rivard 26 th	Rob Ruth 4 th
Dan Ryan 11 th	Buster Sanders 12 th	Jerry Walker 12 th	Gene Williams 3 rd
Bobby Wood 24 th			

AUGUST TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage	Low	Low
		of full field	Gross	Net
Aug. 5 Lantana	125	97%	Ken Blincow 69 Scott Eskridge 69 Rob Ruth 69	Ken Blincow 64
Aug. 12 Frisco Lakes	124	96%	Gary Nelson 70	Gary Nelson 65
Aug. 17 Gleneagles C.C. – Canceled, due to COVID-19.				
Aug 19 Tierra Verde	115	89%	Andy Braun 74 Rob Ruth 74	Dan Bertschi 69 Dave Dreiling 69
Aug. 25 Sky Creek Ranch – Canceled, due to scheduling conflict by course.				

PUN INTENDED

Why is the letter W, in the English language called double U?
Shouldn't it be called double V?

NEXT 6 TOURNAMENTS

Sept. 2 Texas Star

Sept. 9 Thorntree

Sept. 16 Grapevine

Sept. 22 (Tuesday) Stonebridge Ranch C.C. (Hills Course), Day 1 Championship

Sept. 23 Watters Creek, Day 2 Championship

Sept.30 Ridgeview Ranch

LAWS OF GOLF

....**John Stieneker**

Law #8: Palm trees eat golf balls.

NTSGA BANK MONEY:

Winnings from flight payouts, Closest to the Pin and Holes-in-One are placed in members' NTSGA Bank, maintained by Treasurer **Pete Schoemann**. Individual Bank balances can be viewed at the check-in table at all of our tournaments. These winnings can be used for tournament green fees providing a minimum of \$50.00 is in the member's bank. Partial or full amounts may be withdrawn from the member's bank, anytime, by contacting Treasurer **Pete Schoemann** at any tournament site.

Who knew what time it was when the first clock was made?

PUTTS:

Some members think it is ridiculous that we have to putt 3", 6", 10" putts and they are not considered "gimme putts". Perhaps a little background will temper this topic. A few years ago 18" putts were considered "gimme putts". All members had their putter marked with tape at the 18" mark by one of the organization Directors. Laying the putter on the ground measuring the length of the putt, any ball touching the tape was considered a gimme. Then it got out of hand! Soon there were 20", 24", and 36" putts being given by gratuitous partners.

For the most part, the organization adheres to USGA standards with the exception of a few rules that have been adopted by NTSGA contributing to the social, friendly atmosphere at our tournaments.

Remember, there is money awarded for skins, closest to the pin, two man team competition and flight positions. Many times 1 single stroke is the difference of winning money and not winning money. The Board of Directors has decided it necessary for members to continue abiding by the USGA rule of putting until holed out.

If poison passes its expiration date, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?

2020 PGA CHAMPIONSHIP POT

Hard by Lake Merced in San Francisco, this year's PGA Championship was played at the Harding Park Golf Course, with no spectators due to COVID-19. Early first round golfers were greeted by a coastal marine layer of fog and mist. Afternoon tee time golfers played in sunny, windy conditions. Golfers would be required to shape their shots around many cypress trees and 47 bunkers on the golf course.

Eighty-one selections were made by NTSGA members for this year's first major golf tournament. The most popular pros selected were Justin Thomas, Brooks Koepka, Jon Rahm and Tiger Woods.

After Day 1, Jason Day and Brendon Todd led the field to the delight of seven NTSGA members who had those golfers as ½ of their combo picks. Only one stroke off the lead Xander Schauffele, Brooks Koepka and Highland Park product, Scottie Scheffler made another 35 NTSGA golfers selections look very favorable.

Day 2 greeted the pros with the same cold weather conditions. Some favorites of NTSGA member's selections just barely made the cut including Jordan Spieth, Tiger Woods, Justin Thomas, Patrick Cantlay and Phil Mickelson. **Basil Greaves, Russ Medlin, Mike Brown and Bobby Woods** were disappointed as some of their selections missed the cut, knocking Rickie Fowler and Matt Kuchar out of the Championship. The leader after Round 2 was unknown Haotong Li from China. No NTSGA member had selected Li to win this tournament, but many big names were within 1 or 2 strokes, including Brooks Koepka, Daniel Berger, Jason Day, Tommy Fleetwood, Cameron Champ and Brendon Todd.



Similar cold conditions greeted the players for Saturday's Round 3. It didn't seem to bother the bombers as Brooks Koepka, Dustin Johnson, Cameron Champ, Scottie Scheffler, Collin Morikawa and Bryson DeChambeau muscled their way towards the top of the leaderboard. Some of the Harding Park fairways were only 17 yards wide, forcing the pros to hit many second shots out of 3" high rough. Haotong Li stayed in and out of the lead all afternoon at 8 under par, but at one point 7 players were at -7. At the end of the day, Dustin Johnson, who made 8 birdies, forged into the lead. The loudest cheering during the 3rd round was coming from the households of **Greg Windsor, Kelly Jackson, Larry Kimberlin, Jim Staron, Bill Roll, Jeff Aston, Gene Lindsey, John Stieneker and Randy Nicholson**. All had selections within 1-3 strokes of leading the PGA Championship. The final round tomorrow, promises to be a cold weather shoot out!

The weather was cold, but final round golf was hot, as eagles and birdies were dropping on almost every hole! At one point, 6 players were tied for the lead and 7 players were only two strokes behind the leaders. Near the top of the leaderboard were Paul Casey and Scottie Scheffler....neither selected by NTSGA members. After sensational drives, accurate iron shots and long putts – seven golfers were tied for the lead. Excitement at NTSGA golfers homes were at an extremely high level as the pros fought hard to win this year's PGA Championship.

The winner of this year's PGA Championship Pot was **Gene Lindsey**: Dustin Johnson (T2) & Bryson DeChambeau (T4); \$243.00. 2nd place – **Randy Nicholson**: Bryson DeChambeau (T4) & Jason Day (T4); \$101.25. 3rd place – **Bobby Wood**: Collin Morikawa (1) & Justin Rose (9); \$60.75.

CONGRATULATIONS: GENE LINDSEY!

TOURNAMENT SIGN-UP/SIGN-IN:

Sign-up deadline for our tournaments is noon, 2 days before the event. Sign-up closes Monday at 12:00 noon for a Wednesday tournament, Sunday at noon for a Tuesday tournament and Saturday at noon for a Monday tournament. If you fail to meet these guidelines you will not be considered in the field. At that time Tournament Chairman, Rod Wells starts adding guest signups to the list, providing there are still slots left to fill. Recently there have been a lot of guests wanting to play in our tournaments. If you are a late sign-up and the tournament is still not full, Rod will gladly add your name, but you are taking a chance if you miss the normal sign-up deadline.

The **sign-in** table closes at **7:30** for all tournaments. At that point Rod makes any pairing changes, moving members to different carts if necessary, puts his clubs on his cart and makes any pertinent announcements prior to the carts leaving the staging area. If you are running late due to accidents, traffic, car won't start, dog ate your keys, etc. call the pro-shop and they will get a message to Rod. The pro-shop phone numbers are always listed in the monthly newsletter under 'Directions to Golf Courses'.

AGE SHOOTERS – AUGUST

Bill Kayser 8/5 Lantana 77
Butch Vaut 8/5 Lantana 70
Jim Krause 8/12 Frisco Lakes 76
Butch Vaut 8/5 Frisco Lakes 76
Mike Barker 8/19 Tierra Verde 77
Tom McMahan 8/19 Tierra Verde 79
Butch Vaut 8/19 Tierra Verde 76
Ken Wagner 8/19 Tierra Verde 75

**Does anyone
know if we can
take showers yet
or should we just
keep washing
our hands ??**

Am I the only one that think Cameron Champ and Brooks Koepka look like twins?

DOUBLE EAGLE....JAMES BATEMAN

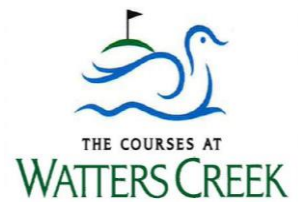


Two year NTSGA member, James Bateman recorded a very rare double eagle on Sky Creek Ranch's par 5, 18th hole on July 29. James used a 3 iron coming out of the rough to clear the ditch, landing on the green and rolling into the cup recording a 2. James grew up in Wills Point, TX and moved to the Metroplex in 1982. In addition to his rare double eagle, James has also made two Holes-In-One. Great shot, **JAMES BATEMAN!**

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP...



You may play in Day 1 and/or Day 2 of the Club Championship on Sept. 22/23. However, to be eligible to win Championship prize money you must play both days, as both days scores will be used to determine the 2020 Club Champion. The 2-day championship rounds will be played over the Stonebridge Ranch C.C. (Hills course)



and Watters Creek golf courses. Day 2 pairings will be reflective of Day 1 scores.

FUNNY....

A crusty old Sergeant Major found himself at a gala event, hosted by a liberal arts college. There was no shortage of extremely young, idealistic ladies in attendance, one of whom approached the Sergeant Major for conversation.

She said, "Excuse me, Sergeant Major, but you seem to be a very serious man. Is something bothering you?"

"Negative ma'am," the Sergeant Major said, "Just serious by nature."

The young lady looked at his awards and decorations and said, "It looks like you have seen a lot of action."

The young lady, tiring of trying to start up a conversation, said. "You know you should lighten up a little. Relax and enjoy life."

The Sergeant Major just stared at her in his serious manner.

Finally the young lady said, "You know, I hope you don't take this the wrong way, but when was the last time you had sex?"

The Sergeant Major looked at her and replied, "1955".

She said, "Well there you are. You really need to chill out and quit taking everything so seriously! I mean...no sex since 1955! No wonder you're so uptight, isn't that a little extreme?"

The Sergeant Major, glancing at his watch, said in his matter-of-fact voice, "You think so? It's only 2230 now."

Don't you just love that military time!!

