# **NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 2021**

- Read the results of the Open Championship Pot in this newsletter.
- If a shot ends up 3" directly in <u>front</u> of the hole on a par 3, re-position the spot 3" <u>behind</u> the hole to place the CTP marker. This will allow a well hit shot from subsequent golfers to possibly roll into the hole.
- You may <u>not</u> change golf balls on the green. The same ball used for tee off must be the ball used for hole out...NTSGA Rules of Tournament Play; # 10.
- Twelve new members join NTSGA this month. See their introductions in this newsletter.

# **BIRTHDAY'S FOR AUGUST:**

Howie Bacharach 9th			
Billy King 20 <sup>th</sup>	Eddie Marshall 17 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Martin 14 <sup>th</sup>	Tom McMahan 25 <sup>th</sup>
Tom Phillips 16 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Philpott 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Seagram 24 <sup>th</sup>	Randy Skinner 12 <sup>th</sup>
Bucky Taylor 20 <sup>th</sup>	Johnny Tharp 21st	Ken Wagner 17 <sup>th</sup>	Greg Windsor 6th

# JULY TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentag of full field	,	Low Net
July 7 Watters Creek	128	100%	Randy Durant 70	Tom Phillips 61
July 12 Diamond Oaks (	C.C. 90	70%	Randy Grimes 69 Mike Jones 69	Rob Bennett 62
July 14 Grapevine	128	100%	Mike Jones 69	Roger Nondorf 62
July 21 Tangleridge	127	99%	Randy Durant 72	Ron Cremer 64 Mike Godbey 64 Bobby Tutor 64
July 28 Cowboys	128		Armando Hinojos 70 Jerry Neel 70 Russell Smeed 70	David Starkey 61

Just once, I want a username and password prompt to say: 'Close enough.'

## **NEXT 6 TOURNAMENTS...**

Aug. 4 Trails of Frisco (Frisco)	8:00	
Aug. 11 Frisco Lakes (Frisco)	8:00	
Aug. 18 Sky Creek Ranch (Keller)	8:00	
Aug. 25 Tierra Verde (Arlington)	8:00	
Aug. 30 (Monday) Diamond Oaks C.C. (Ft. Worth)	8:00	**Includes Lunch
Sept. 1 Texas Star (Euless)	8:00	

## **DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES:**

Aug. 4 <u>Trails of Frisco</u> (Frisco) 972-668-4653; 10411 Teel Pkwy. Take Dallas Tollway north, past Sam Rayburn Tollway (Hwy 121) approx 5 miles, exit at Main St. (FM 720). Turn left (west) drive 1 ½ miles, right turn at Teel Pkwy., course 3/4 mile on left.

Aug. 11 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.

Aug 18 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Aug. 25 <u>Tierra Verde</u> (Arlington) 817-478-8500; 7005 Golf Club Dr. Take I-20 west past Hwy 360, turn south on Hwy 287 towards Mansfield for approx. 2½ miles, exit at Eden Road (2<sup>nd</sup> exit south of I-20). At stop sign turn right for ½ mile. Left turn at entrance to Martin Luther King Sports Center. Second driveway on left leads into clubhouse.

Aug. 30 <u>Diamond Oaks C.C.</u> (Ft. Worth) 817-834-6261; 5821 Diamond Oaks Dr. N. Drive the George Bush Turnpike south, merging onto Hwy 183 west. Drive 15 miles west. Hwy 183 becomes I-820 west. Past Iron Horse Blvd., exit at Hwy 377 (Denton Hwy). Turn left and drive south on Hwy 377 for 1 mile. Turn left at Diamond Oaks Dr. Road bends to the right, Club entrance is on left.

Sept. 1 <u>Texas Star</u> (Euless) 817-685-7888; 1400 Texas Star Pkwy. Take Hwy 183 (Airport Frwy) west, past the south entrance to DFW Airport. Exit at Hwy 10 West (it becomes Euless Blvd.) Continue on Hwy 10, passing Hwy 157 (Industrial Blvd.) for 1 more mile. Course entrance on left.

# 2021 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP...

This year's Open Championship got underway with rather mild conditions as most caddies wore shorts and many players wore short sleeved shirts. Played at the Royal

St. George's Golf Course close to the English Channel, the players would have to contend with narrow fairways, tall grass rough and the ever present windy conditions rolling in off the Channel. The pros were certainly up to the task as 48 players played the course during Round 1 at even par or better. Louis Oosthuizen continued his pursuit of another major championship and after the first



round was the leader in the clubhouse. Lurking only 1 shot behind was Jordan Spieth much to the happiness of 2 selections made by NTSGA members in this year's Open Championship Pot...**Dan Pecenka** and **Bill Roll** were both sitting on an Oosthuizen/Spieth combo selection. 117 selections were made for this year's Championship by NTSGA members.

Round 2 weather was absolutely beautiful with bright sunshine, little wind and warm temperatures. Good play by Dustin Johnson, Collin Morikawa and Scottie Scheffler brought those 3 players into the chase taking aim at Oosthuizen and Spieth. All of a sudden 40 selections by NTSGA members were hoping for strong play from their selections. Missed cuts by 7 players selected, knocked out 16 members' selections.

Jordan Spieth and Louis Oosthuizen continued to swap 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> positions during the 3<sup>rd</sup> round, but Jon Rahm, Scottie Scheffler, Corey Conners and Collin Morikawa sneaked into contention with superlative play on this tough links course. NTSGA members who were very encouraged by their selections' performances were **Dan Pecenka**, **Bobby Wood**, **Howie Bacharach**, **Larry Kimberlin**, **Dave Self**, **Bill Roll**, **Frank Arnold** and **Danny Millaway**.

Another beautiful day on the English coast greeted the golfer's for the final round of this year's Open Championship. It appeared that this major tournament was going to be a dogfight between Louis Oosthuizen, Jordan Spieth, Collin Morikawa and Jon Rahm. That meant that 71 NTSGA selections could win this year's Championship Pot. With the warmest day of the year in Sandwich, England the Claret jug was hoisted by winner...Collin Morikawa, the Champion Golfer of the Year.

The winner of the NTSGA Open Championship Pot was Larry Kimberlin: Collin Morikawa (1)/Jon Rahm (T3) \$351.00 Second place resulted in a 7 way tie: Bobby Wood, Howie Bacharach, Dave Self, Danny Millaway and Frank Arnold: Jordan Spieth (2)/Jon Rahm (T3) \$33.00. Bill Roll, Dan Pecenka: Jordan Spieth (2)/Louis Oosthuizen (T3) \$33.00.

# **CONGRATULATIONS, LARRY KIMBERLIN!**

I'm fairly certain that the person who put the first r in February also decided how to spell Wednesday.

# **AGE SHOOTERS: JULY**

Bill Kayser 7/7 Trails of Frisco 78 Jim Krause 7/7 Trails of Frisco 75 David Miller 7/7 Trails of Frisco 82 Butch Vaut 7/7 Trails of Frisco 75 Ken Wagner 7/7 Trails of Frisco 75 Mike Barker 7/14 Grapevine 77 Bill Kayser 7/14 Grapevine 75 Jim Krause 7/14 Grapevine 75 David Miller 7/14 Grapevine 79 Paul Price 7/14 Grapevine 82 Pete Romanyak 7/14 Grapevine 76 Harry Schmidt 7/14 Grapevine 77 Butch Vaut 7/14 Grapevine 74 Jerry Walker 7/14 Grapevine 82 Jim Krause 7/21 Tangleridge 73 Wayne Mueller 7/21 Tangleridge Jim Rowley 7/21 Tangleridge 75 Butch Vaut 7/21 Tangleridge 74 Jim Krause 7/28 Cowboys 75 Wayne Mueller 7/28 Cowboys 79 Pete Romanyak 7/28 Cowboys 78 Ken Wagner 7/28 Cowboys 77

## NOMINEES.....

The Board of Directors is seeking nominees willing to serve on the Board for 2022. Contact **Secy. Phil Fahs** (pfahs57@yahoo.com) or 972-243-3450 if you would like your name placed on the ballot. Open positions are Vice President and 4 Directors. VP is a 1-year term sequencing into a 1 year Presidential term, sequencing into a 1 year Past President term. The Director positions are for 2 years. The finalized ballot will be presented in the October newsletter. Voting will take place at the October tournaments.

If my body is ever found on a jogging trail...just know that I was murdered somewhere else and dumped there!

# **SAD NEWS:**

Longtime former NTSGA member, J.D. Caywood passed away on July 11 at the age of 86. J.D. played with our organization from 2004 to 2017.



Rest in Peace, J.D. Caywood.

# CLOSEST TO THE PIN MARKERS:

At the Grapevine tournament (July 14) one of the CTP markers was left on the green at the end of the round. Please be observant of the notation on the NTSGA scorecard (highlighted in yellow). It indicates that your foursome is supposed to bring the CTP marker to the Scoring Committee since you are the last foursome to play that Par 3. Thank you.

Free Marriage Tip: Don't ask your wife when dinner will be ready while she is mowing the lawn.

A lion will not cheat on wife...but a Tiger Wood!

# **GIMMES:**

Word has filtered back to the Board of Directors that some foursomes are not putting out, and giving gimmes. There is no such thing with NTSGA! This is in direct violation of NTSGA Rules of Tournament Play; Rule 10 that states all putts must be holed out. We play for a little bit of money and have established some very liberal rules to make it enjoyable for all members. Awarding gimmes for short putts is not one of the rules.

#### THE REST OF THE STORY:

When Mary, Queen of Scots went to France as a young girl, King Louis of France learned she loved the Scots game of golf. So he had the first course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment.

To make sure she was properly chaperoned and guarded while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her on her rounds of golf. Mary enjoyed the game so much when she returned to Scotland; she took this new found game with her. In French, the word cadet is pronounced "ca-day" and the Scots changed it to "caddie".

Why teachers are so stressed...this is an answer given by a 16 year old on a Social Studies test:

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?

A: Keep it in the cow!

## SKINS POTS...

There are two Skins Pots that members can compete, entry is optional. Cost is \$10.00/pot, paid with cash. The Skins Coordinators sit next to the Tournament Chairman at the Check-In table. Past President Roger Ball is the Coordinator for the Net Skins Pot and **President Gene Edmondson** is the Coordinator for the Gross Skins Pot. Please announce your name to the Coordinators. There are many new members/faces and positive identification is a necessity. The Net Skins Pot uses the players score recorded on any given hole, with handicap. Of all the players entered into the Net Skins Pot, the lowest handicap member in the Pot is assigned a baseline handicap of "0". All other players in that Pot will have their handicap computed from the baseline player. Example: If the lowest handicap golfer in the Net Skins Pot is 8, that player will be baseline "0". For a player who has a 12 handicap, he will receive 4 strokes for the round on the 4 hardest holes on the course. It is impossible to determine who the baseline player will be until all entries are entered into the computer software program after the round. The Skins Coordinators, Scoring Committee and Handicap Chairman feel that this method of handicap computation allows all members a fair and equal opportunity to win a skin. If a player has an exceptionally good hole during our tournaments, he has as good a chance to win a skin as all other players.

The <u>Gross Skins Pot</u> is computed the exact same way, however, without any handicap strokes. The computer software is set to determine skins winners automatically after the entry of all scores after the round. The way to see the calculation details after a round, is by clicking the <u>Complete Net Skins Results</u> link (in blue print) to the right of the Skins Winners (Net) or <u>Complete Gross Skins Results</u> link, also in blue print to the right of the Skins Winners (Gross).

Payout to skins winners is done by the Coordinators at the following week's tournament.

# **NEW MEMBERS: AUGUST**

Kelly Davis (Lewisville)
Joe Harn (Dallas)
Darrell Heflin (Carrollton)
Tim Johnson (Argyle)
Alvin Lewis (Paris)
Sid Little (McKinney)
Dennis Mead (North Richland Hills)
Dave Mudd (Coppell)
Kurt Smith (Aledo)
Jack Whitling (Sachse)
Mike Woodard (Keller)
Zeke Zietak (Arlington)



# **HOLE-IN-ONE: DENNIS MEYER**

**Dennis Meyer**, a loyal 6 year member of NTSGA recorded the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole-in-one of the 2021 season on July 21<sup>st</sup> at Tangleridge Golf Club. This was Dennis' very first hole-in-one ever made. He used his 5-metal to fly the ball 153 yards over the lake and into the cup. Witnessing Dennis' great shot were playing partners **Dwight Johnson**, **Mike Fosheim** and **Tom Phillips**.

Dennis was born in San Antonio, attending local schools graduating from Robert E. Lee High School after completing the auto mechanics curriculum of his vocational skills training.



Influenced by his Dad who served as a San Antonio firefighter, **Dennis** also became a firefighter serving on the Carrollton Fire Department for 32 years before retiring. In his spare time, **Dennis** uses his mechanical skills to repair automobile engines and corporate machinery and equipment.

NTSGA is happy to add \$200.00 to **Dennis**' bank account for his recent hole-in-one.

# **CONGRATULATIONS, DENNIS MEYER**

# **PUN INTENDED...**

Crushing pop cans is soda pressing!

# **ENTRY FEES:**

Pay the entry fee (with cash of check) to Tournament Chairman, Rod Wells. Credit cards are not accepted. Individual Bank money may be used to pay the entry fee, providing a minimum of \$50.00 is in the members' Bank. Bank balances can be viewed at the Check-In table at every tournament site.

## **SAD NEWS:**



Former member Bruce Thompson passed away July 8. Bruce played with NTSGA from 2007-2017 and was 80 years old at the time of passing.

Rest in Peace, Bruce Thompson.

# **COURTESIES TO YOUR FELLOW GOLFERS...**

With 120+ golfers playing in our events and a driving range with 15-20 stations at the courses we play, it stands to reason that many members must wait their turn to warm up. The key word here is <u>warm up!</u> You are trying to judge ball flight, get some stiff muscles relaxed and limber up your back muscles before starting the round. Ten to 20 practice balls should be plenty to accomplish this feat. Some members use this time as a practice session banging out 2-3 buckets of balls since many courses don't charge for these range balls. Please show a little courtesy to your fellow members and limit your warm up time so they too, get to hit a few balls.

#### FUNNY....

**Wife**: "Where the hell have you been? You said you'd be done with golf by noon." **Husband**: "I'm so sorry Honey, but you probably don't want to hear the reason."

Wife: "I want to hear the truth, and I want it NOW!"

**Husband**: "Fine. We finished in less than 4 hours, grabbed a quick beer in the Clubhouse; I hopped in the car, and would have been here at 12 on the button. On the way home, I spotted a girl half our age struggling with a flat tire. I changed it in a jiffy and next she's offering me money. Of course I refused it, and then she tells me she was headed to the bar at the Sheraton...and begs me to stop so she can buy me a beer.

She's such a sweetie, I said yes.

Before you know it...one beer turned to three or four and I guess we were looking pretty good to each other.

Then she tells me she has a room at the Sheraton less than 50 steps from our table. She suggested we get some privacy while pulling me by the hand.

Now I'm in her room ...clothes are flying and the talking stops and we proceed to have sex in every way imaginable.

It must have gone on for hours because before I know it the clock says 5:30, I jumped up, threw my clothes on, ran to the car and here I am.

There. You wanted the truth...you got it."

Wife: Bullshit! You played 36 holes, didn't you????!!!!!