

# NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 2021

- If a hole-in-one is made on a Par 3, record the players name, add “hole-in-one” and place the marker on the fringe at the edge of the green.
- The write-up on the U.S.Open Pot is in this newsletter. The next major tournament will be the Open Championship held at Royal St. George G.C., Sandwich, England, July 15-18. Selections can be made July 14<sup>th</sup> at Grapevine.
- Course temperatures are getting hot, remember to drink plenty of water.
- The round at Heritage Ranch produced a Hole-in-One (**Tim Strobel**, # 6) and 2 eagles (**Russ Medlin**, #10) & (**Phil Fahs**, #1)...Great shots, guys!

## BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY

Roger Ball 13 <sup>th</sup>	Bruce Barlow 9 <sup>th</sup>	James Bateman 17 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Boring 31 <sup>st</sup>
Bob Bruner 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Gerald Gotcher 19 <sup>th</sup>	Basil Greaves 19 <sup>th</sup>	Bert Hayslip 5 <sup>th</sup>
Mike Jones 13 <sup>th</sup>	**Rusty Kasmeirsky 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Kibler 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Larry Kimberlin 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Jerry Neel 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Gary Patterson 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Judge Perry 2 <sup>nd</sup>	**Pete Schoemann 4 <sup>th</sup>
Chris Stokes 25 <sup>th</sup>	David Tovar 30 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Wands 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Rick Wiley 24 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Mike Williams 7<sup>th</sup></b>	James Wu 10 <sup>th</sup>		

**\*\*Rusty Kasmeirsky** and **Pete Schoemann** think all of the fireworks displays on their birthdays (July 4<sup>th</sup>) is for them, when actually they're for the United States of America!

## JUNE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION:

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
June 2 Waterchase – Canceled, due to weather.				
June 9 Sky Creek Ranch	114	89%	<b>Rob Ruth 69</b>	<b>Gene Lindsey 65</b> <b>Jim Staron 65</b>
June 16 Texas Rangers	131	102%	<b>Mike Jones 69</b>	<b>Blake Shaw 64</b>
June 23 Heritage Ranch	128	100%	<b>Randy Grimes 73</b>	<b>Bob Bruner 64</b>
June 30 Texas Star	126	98%	<b>Brad Goethals 75</b>	<b>Juan Bergara 68</b> <b>Scott Daum 68</b> <b>Dick Hall 68</b> <b>Eddie Marshall 68</b>

## NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS:

July 7	Watters Creek	8:00
July 12 (Mon.)	Diamonds Oaks C.C.	8:00
July 14	Grapevine	8:00 **Check-In at new clubhouse.
July 21	Tangleridge	8:00
July 28	Cowboys	8:00

## DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

July 7 Watters Creek (Allen) 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.

July 12 Diamond Oaks C.C. (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.

July 14 Grapevine (Grapevine) 817-410-3377; Drive west on LBJ freeway (I-635) towards DFW airport. Prior to the airport entry, exit at Bass Pro Dr., continue to the traffic light. Turn left, drive over Hwy 121, past the Embassy Suites Hotel to the next traffic light (Hwy 26). Turn left, drive ½ mile to next traffic light, turn right (Fairway Dr.) Drive past Cowboys Golf Club and over the Lake Grapevine Dam. On the other side of the Dam, turn right into golf course entrance.

July 21 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 2<sup>nd</sup> bridge, drive .8 mile turning right at the traffic light to enter the Tangleridge residential area. Drive approx. 1.2 miles (go past elementary school). Turn right at Park Ridge Ct. Leads to golf course.

July 28 Cowboys (Grapevine) 817-481-7277; 1600 Fairway Dr. Take LBJ Frwy west, towards DFW airport. Prior to the airport entry, exit at Bass Pro Dr., continue to the traffic light. Turn left, drive over Hwy 121, past the Embassy Suites Hotel to the next traffic light (Hwy 26). Turn left, drive ½ mile to next traffic light, turn right (Fairway Dr.) Course entrance ¼ mile on right, before crossing the Grapevine Lake dam.

## 2021 U.S. OPEN POT....

Would it be Brooks Koepka, Rory McIlroy, Jordan Spieth or Dustin Johnson to win the 2021 U.S. Open? These were the favorites of NTSGA members as this major championship opened at Torrey Pines on the cliffs of LaJolla, California overlooking the Pacific Ocean. A marine fog layer rolled in causing a 90 minute delay for golfers to tee off. At the conclusion of Day 1, Russell Henley led the field after shooting 67. No NTSGA members had selected Henley as ½ of their combo picks. Thirty six golfers would have to complete their 1<sup>st</sup> rounds on Friday before starting Round 2 due to the late start caused by the fog.



Round 2 was completed on time led by Russell Henley and Richard Bland. No selections were made for these 2 pro's, but coming into the picture were Louis Oosthuizen, Xander Schauffele, Scottie Scheffler, Bryson DeChambeau, Justin Thomas, Brooks Koepka, Jon Rahm, Rory McIlroy, Dustin Johnson and Phil Mickelson...all selected by NTSGA members to win this U.S. Open. Missing the cut after Round 2, knocked 22 of the 105 NTSGA selections out of contention as Will Zalatoris, Tony Finau and Justin Rose would not be playing on the weekend. Nor would Viktor Hovland who withdrew. Excitement was building in the households of **Bobby Wood, Roger Nondorf, Jalil Daneshfar, Thunder Miller, David Tovar and Roger Ball** as all had selections near the top of the leaderboard.

The putters got hot for Round 3 as Louis Oosthuizen, Mackenzie Hughes and Russell Henley all sank 50/60 foot eagle putts vaulting them to the top of the leaderboard.

Wow! What a 4<sup>th</sup> round. DeChambeau, McIlroy, Koepka, Morikawa, Rahm and Oosthuizen all within 1 stroke of each other. All 6 golfers were selected by NTSGA golfers in their combo selections. And then all of a sudden major crashes started: balls ended up in thick rough, balls in the buncckers were either plugged or up against steep downhill lies. Soon it was a 2 player race: Louis Oosthuizen vs. Jon Rahm. In the end, Jon Rahm won the last 2 holes with curling birdie putts and won a thrilling U.S.Open Championship by 1 stroke over Louis Oosthuizen.

Winners of the U.S. Open Pot:

**Pete Romanyak:** Rahm (1)/Morikawa (T4)...\$87.00

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**Jim Rowley:** Rahm (1)/Koepka (T4)...\$87.00

**Thunder Miller:** Rahm (1)/Koepka (T4)...\$87.00

**Frank Arnold:** Rahm (1)/Morikawa (T4)...\$87.00

**Jalil Daneshfar:** Rahm(1)/Morikawa (T4)...\$87.00

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE WINNERS!

## SAD NEWS:

Longtime NTSGA member, Gene Clark passed away June 16, at the age of 78. Gene was a likable 19 year member and a very loyal golfer to the Association. He was born



in Dallas, but moved to the west Texas town of Slaton during his childhood. With the close proximity of Slaton to Lubbock, Gene became enamored with the Red Raiders and enrolled at Texas Tech University after high school. While attending Tech, Gene saw an opening for a traveling sales rep for Evan Picone, a women's clothing company. Gaining experience in the fashion industry, Gene and his wife, Diane opened a ladies boutique (Hullabaloo/B.J. Clark) which they operated successfully for 36 years. Gene and Diane loved to travel and spent many trips to France and Italy tasting the countries wonderful cuisine. Gene became an ardent preparer of

European food and beer, leading him to brew his own dark beer and baking homemade French croissants. Gene will be missed by all members of the North Texas Senior Golf Association.

A Celebration of Life was held for Gene, June 26<sup>th</sup> in Farmers Branch.

Rest in Peace, Gene Clark.

## NTSGA RULES REFRESHER.....IMPROVING YOUR LIE

You may use the longest club in your bag to improve your lie up to 1 club length, no closer to the hole. You cannot use your club, foot or hands to build a lie by roughing or raising the turf or mashing down the turf behind the ball. You cannot improve your lie in a hazard, however, you may now ground your club and remove loose impediments from a hazard (USGA 2019 rules change) .You may play a ball from a hazard or lift the ball from the hazard and drop within 2 club lengths from the hazard line where the ball entered the hazard, incurring a 1 stroke penalty. Or, you may drop the ball anywhere on the extended line from where the ball entered the hazard back to the spot where you hit the errant shot, also incurring a 1 stroke penalty.



**Roger Ball** demonstrates the art of staying cool in the summer heat!

## AGE SHOOTERS – JUNE

**David Miller** 6/9 Sky Creek Ranch 81

**Jim Krause** 6/16 Texas Rangers 76

**Jim Rowley** 6/16 Texas Rangers 78

**Butch Vaut** 6/16 Texas Rangers 75

**Ken Wagner** 6/16 Texas Rangers 76

**Bill Kayser** 6/30 Texas Star 78

Back in our days, I could walk into a grocery store with \$25.00 and walk out with 6 rib eye steaks, 2 chickens, a case of beer, 5 bottles of wine, 2 loaves of bread and a gallon of milk. Can't do that today....too many cameras!

## HOLE-IN-ONE...BUCKY TAYLOR

Ten year NTSGA member, **Bucky Taylor** recorded the first Hole-In-One of 2021 at Texas Rangers G.C. on June 16<sup>th</sup>. His playing partners for this round Andy Parker, Russ Medlin and Rick Van Meter could not see the hole from the tee box due to the curvature of the green. Upon arrival on the green only 3 balls were found until they looked into the hole and found Bucky's ball at the bottom of the cup. This is Bucky's 3<sup>rd</sup> hole-in-one throughout his golfing days. He used his 7-iron to cover the pin at 135 yards for his hole-in-one.

**Bucky** grew up in the little town of Muleshoe, TX in the Texas panhandle. With the proximity of Texas Tech University in Lubbock, he became a huge Red Raider fan. Following high school graduation, **Bucky** enrolled at Tech eventually earning his Masters degree in Health Science – Sports Athletic Training. Moving to Dallas in 1974, **Bucky** was hired by the Mesquite Independent School District as the District Athletic Trainer specializing in athletic injury prevention and injury analysis. He has served in that capacity for 37 years. **Bucky** attends all of Baylor University's home football games, the Texas/OU game and assorted Big XII games serving as the on-site Medical Officer analyzing and recommending treatment for on-field football injuries.



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

## CONGRATULATIONS, BUCKY TAYLOR

## WAITING LIST GOLFERS....

Gentlemen on the NTSGA Waiting List are able to play in our events, provided open slots exist for our tournaments. If you are paired with any of these gentlemen, please welcome them as future members. Deadline for member sign-ups for tournaments is still 12:00 noon, 2 days before an event. After that deadline, **Tournament Chairman Rod Wells** may add Waiting List Golfers as needed, to bring the field to 128 players and then prepare the pairing sheet. Late member sign-ups (after 12:00, 2 days prior) a member may or may not have a spot to play in that tournament.

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle, the phone rang so she asked her 4 year-old daughter to answer the phone. "Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now...she's hitting the bottle."

