

# NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 2021

- See the results of this year's Masters Pot in this newsletter.
- The PGA Championship Pot will be open for selections at Tierra Verde on Wednesday, May 19.
- Member Rick Wiley's wife, Donna sadly passed away Thursday, April 22.
- Rod has added Trails of Frisco to our schedule on May 26. See directions to the course in this newsletter.
- Member **Bill Roll** entered a nationwide Master's Pool and won \$2100!! Congratulations, **BILL ROLL!**
- The PGA tournaments come to the Metroplex this month. The AT&T Byron Nelson will be played at its new venue...TPC Craig Ranch on May 13-16 followed 2 weeks later by the Charles Schwab Challenge at Colonial C.C. May 27-30.
- Former member Freddie Carroll's wife sadly passed away on March 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Member **Dan Bertschi** won both a gross skin and a net skin at Waterview on April 7<sup>th</sup> recording an eagle on the 10<sup>th</sup> hole, resulting in a payout of \$676. This is the largest skin payout in NTSGA, ever. Congratulations, **DAN BERTSCHI!**

## BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

Terry Bell 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Gene Clark</b> 19 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Clay 25 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Estes 17 <sup>th</sup>
Phil Fahs 15 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Hatfield 20 <sup>th</sup>	Jerry Jenkins 24 <sup>th</sup>	Hubert Lytle 1 <sup>st</sup>
Mike McGaughey 25 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Ries 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Doug Shackelford 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Russell Smeed 31 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Jim Staron</b> 5 <sup>th</sup>	Tim Strobel 21 <sup>st</sup>	Ron Swanson 6 <sup>th</sup>	

## APRIL TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION...

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Apr. 7 Waterview	124	96%	Randy Durant 73	Larry Kimberlin 64
Apr. 14 Bridlewood	128	100%	Randy Durant 66	John Carrick 61
Apr. 21 Bear Creek (west)	116	90%	Gary Nelson 75 Rick Steeno 75	Rodger Jones 65
Apr. 28 Buffalo Creek	96	75%	Doug Shackelford 70	Dan Pecenka 68 Doug Shackelford 68



## NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS:

May 5	Fossil Creek (Ft. Worth)	8:00
May 12	Grapevine (Grapevine)	8:00
May 19	Tierra Verde (Arlington)	8:00
May 26	Trails of Frisco (Frisco)	8:00
June 2	Waterchase (Ft. Worth)	8:00

## DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

May 5 Fossil Creek (Ft. Worth) 817-847-1900; 3401 Clubgate Dr. Drive Hwy 183 W, transition to 820 W., exit at North Beach, Right turn. Drive to 3<sup>rd</sup> traffic light, (Fossil Creek Blvd.) Turn left, drive approx. 1 ¼ miles, right turn at Sandshell Dr. Club approx. ½ mi. on right. Or...take Geo Bush Turnpike to Hwy 183 West (Airport Frwy) towards Ft.Worth. Drive approx 11 miles, transition to 820 West and drive another 6 miles to I-35W. At I-35W drive north, and take the 1<sup>st</sup> exit (Western Center Blvd). Take the 1<sup>st</sup> quick exit at Sandshell Dr. (Chili's Rest. on right) Course entrance .2 miles on left.

May 12 Grapevine (Grapevine) 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.

May 19 Tierra Verde (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.

May 26 Trails of Frisco (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 ¾ mile on left.

June 2 Waterchase (Arlington) 817-861-4653; 8951 Creek Run Rd. Take I-30 westbound, past the Rangers Ballpark, exit at Eastchase Pkwy., right turn to 2<sup>nd</sup> 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...

Man who wants pretty nurse, must be patient.

## MORE GOLF:

2ND ANNUAL PROCLAIM CUBA

# GOLF TOURNAMENT

JUNE 7, 2021 /

8:30 AM SHOTGUN START  
7:30 AM REGISTRATION



### Entry Fee (Only \$125 per player) Includes:

- Breakfast and coffee in the morning
- WestRidge lunch after the round
- Free range balls, cart with GPS, green fees
- Five closest to the pin prizes
- Raffle for tons of great prizes
- \$10,000 Hole-In-One

This year's proceeds will be used to bring kids from all over Cuba together for sports and games, and to be shown God's love and taught the Good News of Jesus. In Cuba, building a new church is not allowed and ministry opportunities for children are very limited, so this is a chance for a life-changing blessing for these kids. This is a great use of funds as a few dollars goes a very long way in Cuba.

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

"To have a better chance of the ball rolling into the hole, drink 2 beers before leaving the house."

.....Clint Culp



## 2021 MASTERS POT...

Day 1 weather conditions were ideal with little wind and sunny skies. With no recent rain in the Augusta area, the greens were slick, mowed very tight and were sure to make low scores a rarity.

This was the largest number of selections made by NTSGA members in 10 years (126 selections). The favorites were typically the golfers who were playing well in recent weeks including Jordan Spieth, Justin Thomas, Dustin Johnson and Bryson DeChambeau. After Day 1, distancing himself from the field was Justin Rose who shot a sparkling 65 to lead all golfers. This made **Jeff Aston** very happy as he was the only member selecting Rose as one of his combo picks. The shouting could be easily heard coming all the way from **Jeff's** home in Wills Point. This however, is not an individual event, but the best combined finish by 2 golfers.

Day 2 had little wind, but clouds rolled in and the course seemed more receptive to the pro's approach shots and putts. Sadly, the course got the better of three favorites including Dustin Johnson, Brooks Koepka and Rory McIlroy. Missing the cut by these three big names knocked out 69 of the 126 selections by NTSGA members. **Jeff Aston** was still elated as his choice of Justin Rose was still leading the tournament at the half-way point. Other NTSGA members who looked awfully good with their selections were **Dick Hall, Jerry Walker, Jack Tanis, Mike Vestal, Howie Bacharach** and **Frank Arnold**.

Round 3 began under cloudy skies with the seasoned veteran, Justin Rose paired with the tour rookie, Will Zalatoris (who grew up in Plano) for the final grouping of the day. In mid-round, a 1 hour rain delay softened the greens and players began firing at pins as the greens were now receptive to approach shots. Hideki Matsuyama played brilliant shots as he distanced himself from the field by recording birdie, birdie, eagle, birdie, birdie in 5 of his last 8 holes. He finished the day 4 strokes ahead of the closest pursuer. This made **Joe Bob Wheeler** and **Roger Nondorf** very happy as both had Matsuyama as ½ of their combo selections.

Sunday's final round began with Hideki Matsuyama leading the field by 4 strokes. A bogey at #1 by Matsuyama and back to back birdies by rookie Will Zalatoris, the lead was now only 1 stroke. On a beautiful weather day in Augusta, Matsuyama played steady golf increasing his lead to 5 strokes. No one got closer than 4 strokes until #15 when Matsuyama hit long into the water. Xander Schauffele made birdie and suddenly the Matsuyama lead was only 2 and the back side drama of Sunday afternoon was starting to take shape. It came to an abrupt end, however when Schauffele hit his ball into the water on #16 giving Matsuyama breathing room. The biggest move on Sunday afternoon was made by Jon Rahm, to the delight of 16 NTSGA members.

The winner of this year's Master's Pool was **Ollie Cromwell** (Jordan Spieth T3 & Xander Schauffele T3); \$378.00. Splitting 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place money: **Dick Hall/Frank Arnold** (Xander Schauffele T3 & Jon Rahm 5); \$63.00 and **Bill Lambert/Tom Hatfield** (Jordan Spieth T3 & Jon Rahm 5); \$63.00.

## CONGRATULATIONS: OLLIE CROMWELL!

## BOB MURPHY...

Our senior member, **Bob Murphy** has decided to resign from the Association, allowing another golfer to take his spot on the roster. Bob sounds good, is still very active and goes to the gym often. He just has a hard time making it through 18 holes of golf on a weekly basis. Bob has been a loyal member of NTSGA for 14 years and has earned the right to play in our tournaments as a guest anytime he'd like. Bob turns 99 this coming October.



## AGE SHOOTERS – APRIL



Billy King 4/7 Waterview 88  
Butch Vaut 4/7 Waterview 76  
Bob Wands 4/7 Waterview 79  
John Carrick 4/14 Bridlewood 77  
Bill Kayser 4/14 Bridlewood 72  
David Miller 4/14 Bridlewood 76  
Bill Roll 4/14 Bridlewood 86  
Jerry Walker 4/14 Bridlewood 82  
Bob Wands 4/14 Bridlewood 81  
David Miller 4/28 Buffalo Creek 77  
Doug Shackelford 4/28 Buffalo Creek 70

## SAD NEWS:

Former NTSGA President Joe Thompson passed away on April 26<sup>th</sup>. He joined the organization in 1988 and resigned because of health reasons in 2018. He served the NTSGA office of President, Vice President and Past President from 2008-2012. Joe served proudly in the U.S. Army seeing combat action during the Korean War. His civilian life consisted of working for The Borden Company, an American producer of food and beverage products, the country's largest producer of dairy and pasta products. In addition, Joe worked for Huntington Laboratory, a company providing quality natural supplements and vitamins for better health. He was a soft spoken true gentleman and a valued member of NTSGA for 30 years. He was 88 years old at the time of passing.



Rest in Peace, Joe Thompson

## NTSGA RULES REFRESHER....PUTTING

A coin or flat object should be placed directly behind the ball before it is picked up and cleaned. If necessary to move the marker because it rests in another golfer's putting line, the club head distance is taken from the marker, not the ball. Remember to replace the moved marker before setting the ball back on the green. The one club rule cannot be used to move the ball from the fringe/rough onto the putting surface. All putts must be holed out. There are no gimme putts. If you pick up and do not complete a hole, you have effectively withdrawn from the round and are ineligible to win flight prize money, skins or closest to the pin payouts.

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitos?

## MORE GOLF.....



NTSGA Director **Greg Windsor** is involved with the Defenders of Freedom golf event



benefitting wounded/injured veterans, first responders and their families. The event will be held at The Tribute and Old American golf courses on Monday, May 17. Cost is \$200.00 per player or \$600.00 for a 3 man team which includes the assignment of a wounded veteran to make the fourth player. Your foursome may choose to play either course. The charitable contribution to play in this event includes golf, lunch, dinner, a golf package, the vet's flight in, hotel for two nights and

their transportation. For additional information contact **Greg** at 972-365-6261, [ngwindsor@verizon.net](mailto:ngwindsor@verizon.net) or [Donna@defendersoffreedom.us](mailto:Donna@defendersoffreedom.us)

## 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.

## MORE SAD NEWS:

Former member Joe Bennett recently passed away on Mar. 27. A long time Dallas area resident, Joe graduated from Garland High School and founded Environmental Techniques Corp., a heating, ventilation and air conditioning business specializing in residential and commercial ventures. He was honored as the Small Contractor of the Year in 1997. Joe was a loyal member of NTSGA from 2009 to 2016, and during that time made a hole-in-one in 2010 at Twin Creeks G.C. A celebration of life will be held for Joe at Texas Steakhouse, Richardson on June 19<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 PM.



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## SCORECARDS...

The pre-printed scorecards are furnished by the Tournament Chairman or the Handicap Chairman and placed on the appropriate carts prior to the carts leaving to begin the day's tournament. It is the responsibility of 1 member of the foursome to turn the card into the Scoring Committee upon completion of the round. At Buffalo Creek, 1 scorecard was missing after the Committee entered all of the scores into the computer. One of the Scoring Committee members re-visited the carts that had been used by NTSGA members during the round on Apr. 28<sup>th</sup> and found the missing scorecard still clipped onto the steering wheel. It is not the job of the Scoring Committee to track down missing scorecards. It is the responsibility of one member of the foursome to deliver the card to the Scoring Committee, in the clubhouse following the completion of the round. If not, the foursome will be disqualified from that tournament.

**FACT:** Arnold Palmer played on the PGA tour for 49 years, winning 62 tournaments and earning \$1.7 million. Jordan Spieth has been on the tour for 9 years, winning 15 times and has pocketed \$44.9 million.

