

NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2022

- Master's Pot Selections were made at Heritage Ranch on March 30th. However, selections can still be sent by email (pfahs57@yahoo.com) received before 7:00AM, April 7. Select 2 players, lowest combined finish by the 2 players, wins pot. Payout 3 places. Select as many pairs as desired. \$5.00/2-man selections.
- Six new members join NTSGA this month. See their introductions in this newsletter.
- Spring weather is finally here and many members are anxious to play. Sign-up early. Our maximum field is 128 players. Sign-up closes at noon, 2 days before the event. Sign-in table closes at 7:30.
- Cameron Smith won the PGA Player's Championship and pocketed \$3.6M, Yikes!
- The first Hole-in-One of 2022 was made by **Gary Mitchell**. See the write-up in this newsletter.
- Several members bid their adieus to NTSGA, listed in this newsletter.

MARCH TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Luna Vista	127	99%	Dave Patrick 73 Mike Seagram 73 Jack Whitling 73	Fraser Border 65 Charlie Johnson 65
Tangleridge	117	91%	Joe Estes 72	Joel Rogers 65
Prairie Lakes	120	93%	Rob Ruth 74 Bobby Vetkoetter 74	Bobby Tutor 70 Bobby Vetkoetter 70
Woodbridge	112	87%	Bobby Vetkoetter 76	Roger Ball 72 Fraser Border 72 Mike Brown 72 Bobby Vetkoetter 72 Ralph Westbrook 72 Rick Wiley 72
Heritage Ranch	110	85%	Rob Ruth 67	Mark Rushing 48

PUN INTENDED

Arbitrator...a cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's

NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS

Apr. 6 Buffalo Creek (Heath)
Apr. 13 Bridlewood (Flower Mound)
Apr. 18 (Monday) Diamond Oaks C.C. (Ft. Worth)
Apr. 20 Texas Star (Eules)
Apr. 27 Fossil Creek (Ft. Worth)

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

Apr. 6 Buffalo Creek (Heath) 972-771-4003; 624 Country Club Dr. Drive the George Bush Turnpike east/south (it ends at I-30). Merge onto I-30 east. Go across lake, exit at Horizon Rd. Turn right, drive across Ridge Rd. (traffic light). Immediately past hospital, turn right onto Tubbs Rd. (7-11 store on left). Road changes name to White Rd. as it winds through residential area paralleling golf course. At the stop sign (Country Club Rd.) turn left. Drive ¼ mile, course entrance on right.

Apr. 13 Bridlewood (Flower Mound) 972-355-4800; 4000 W. Windsor Dr. Proceed north on I-35E, exit at FM1171/Main St. (Lewisville). Turn left (west), drive 5 ½ miles, right turn at Bridlewood Blvd. At 1st stop sign, turn right, course entrance on left.

Apr. 18 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.

Apr. 20 Texas Star (Eules) 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 Eules Blvd.) Continue on Hwy 10, passing Hwy 157 (Industrial Blvd.) for 1 more mile. Course entrance on left.

Apr. 27 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 3rd 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 1st exit (Western Center Blvd). Take the 1st quick exit at Sandshell Dr. (Chili's Rest. on right) Course entrance .2 miles on left.

SCORECARDS...

There were 5 errors made on the scorecards at Prairie Lakes. That's a 20% error rate, 6 out of 30 scorecards. C'mon guys, spend a little attention to detail and bounce the scores on the official scorecard with the member keeping the backup scorecard. Thank you.

BANK BALANCES:

A recent audit and the changeover from former Treasurer Pete Schoemann to current **Treasurer Terry Bell** has disclosed an excess of members funds being held by NTSGA. Since we operate as a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, **Terry** is requesting all members Bank accounts be reduced to a maximum of \$300.00. He will issue checks to members upon request after the round at our tournament sites.

Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft...today its called golf!

One day, you'll be able to tell your grandkids, "I survived the Great Toilet Paper Shortage of 2020."

AGE SHOOTERS-MARCH

Tom McMahan 3/2 Luna Vista 81
Jim Rowley 3/2 Luna Vista 79
Butch Vaut 3/2 Luna Vista 77
Jerry Walker 3/9 Tangleridge 81
Mike Barker 3/16 Prairie Lakes 77
Butch Vaut 3/16 Prairie Lakes 75

HOLE-IN-ONE, GARY MITCHELL:

Gary Mitchell recorded the first NTSGA Hole-in-One of the 2022 season by making an ace on Hole #3 at Luna Vista G.C. on Mar. 2. **Gary** has been a member for 12 years and this was his 4th Hole-in-One made during his golfing career. Playing partners witnessing his great shot were **John Campbell, Mike Shirejian** and **James Wu**. The hole measured 165 yards and **Gary** used his 4 hybrid to record the ace. **Gary** grew up in Texarkana, TX and moved to Dallas in 1968. He earned Bachelors and Masters Degrees in geology from the Univ. of Texas at Arlington. This led to a 37 year career as a petroleum geologist working for Texaco and the Hunt Oil Company. During that time, **Gary** was heavily involved with drilling operations in Yemen at the southern edge of the Arabian Peninsula extracting oil and natural gas. **Gary** served as a geological consultant for the last 7 years of his career, retiring in 2009.



NTSGA is happy to add \$200.00 to **Gary's** bank account, in addition to having a picture painted by watercolor artist...member, **Wayne Mueller**.

CONGRATULATIONS, GARY MITCHELL

BIRTHDAY'S FOR APRIL

John Anderson 17th
Ray Grupp 5th
Ron Rankey 3rd
Butch Vaut 23rd

David Bruner 12th
Kelly Jackson 20th
Mike Robertson 24th
Bill Watson 29th

Mike Fosheim 12th
Bob Kingwell 19th
Mike Shirejian 30th
Lou Wilkerson 28th

Larry Gebhardt 24th
Roger Nondorf 20th
Jack Thompson 16th

RECENTLY RESIGNED:

Tom Coburn

Dick Fryar

Dick Hall: Dick is moving to Florida with his daughter; they will live close to Dick's son, south of Tampa. **Dick** was a loyal member for 12 years and wants to acknowledge all of the friendships he developed with members of NTSGA.

Zane Latham

Shelby Ricketts

Terry Rivard

Paul Vessels

Billy King: Billy just doesn't have the stamina to play 18 holes of golf anymore and steps aside to allow a new member to join. He is the second oldest member of NTSGA and has been a member for 21 years. **Billy** is currently 89 years of age. He has expressed the wonderful times he's had playing golf with the Association and the great friends he's made throughout the years.

Alcohol does not solve any problems...but then again, neither does milk!

NEW MEMBERS:

Anand Chellappa (Frisco)
Greg Dereyna (Irving)
Bob Kingwell (Plano)
Mark Rushing (Richardson)
George Stacy (Dallas)
Mark Worthey (Flower Mound)



FACTS FROM AUGUSTA....

Under the # 12 green (the middle of Amen Corner), is a series of pipes that are used to heat the green in winter and cool it in the sweltering Augusta summer. Heated or cooled water is sent through the pipes, which in turn heats or cools the green. The reason for this system is to promote root growth and prevent diseases of the grass on the green. Lamps that simulate sunlight are also used at night in the winter to help the grass stay healthy.



PACE OF PLAY...

In the next two newsletters's the topic of Pace of Play will be addressed in hopes of reducing our rounds of golf to the recommended 4 hrs & 20 minutes.

Fifteen year member, **Ken Wagner** has done extensive research into this subject and offers suggestions to all NTSGA members:

First, all members must have a genuine desire to improve the pace of play. We have developed our own method of play through the years and certain habits are hard to change. However, we are asking you to view these suggestions with an open mind and make a willing effort to increase the pace of play for the whole organization. This article is not intended to tell you how to play; only trying to incorporate some of these suggestions into your personal game to keep play moving around the course. Pace of play will usually be dictated by the slowest foursome(s).

Most of the time on the golf courses is spent on:

- 1) Preparing for and executing the shot.
- 2) Driving/walking to the next shot.
- 3) Leaving the green and driving to the next tee.

- 1) Preparing for and executing the shot:

On the tee...

Leave the driver head cover in the cart basket for the entire round. If you know the yardage, share it with nearby players so they don't have to 'shoot' it, especially on par 3's.

Play ready golf, honor only for eagles and birdies. Cart partners should be the first out of the cart, proceed to the teeing area with club, tee and ball in hand.

Limit yourself to only one practice swing, or take a practice swing(s) prior to your turn to hit. Allow both players in the front cart to tee off first, this allows the front cart to proceed as soon as the final tee shot is struck. All players should watch each other's tee shots; not many things slow down play than time spent looking for a ball.

On the green...

Once you mark your ball, begin to read the putt to get an idea which way the putt will break. When "on deck", replace your ball as soon as the previous putter's ball is on the way. If the flag has been pulled, all players who are willing to putt with the flag out, should continue to hole out; the flag can then be replaced for the remaining players to hole out. Leave extra clubs, towels, etc. on the green in the general direction of the cart where they can be picked up when leaving the green.

In the next newsletter, the 2nd and 3rd topic of this subject will be addressed.

