

NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 2022

- Results of the 2022 Open Championship Pool are included in this newsletter.
- Congratulations to **Blake Shaw** who recorded a **Double Eagle** on Hole #6 at Mansfield National on July 27.
- If a shot ends up 3" directly in front of the hole on a par 3, re-position the spot 3" behind the hole to place the CTP marker. This will allow a well hit shot from subsequent golfers to possibly roll into the hole.
- Read about **Bob King's** Hole-in-One made at Watters Creek, in this newsletter.
- New contact information for **Tournament Chairman Rod Wells**: 972-699-[8020](tel:972-699-8020), wellsrod00@gmail.com

BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST

Howie Bacharach 9 th	Ken Blanck 12 th	Ron Cremer 3 rd	Ollie Cromwell 25 th
Gene Edmondson 22 nd	Eddie Marshall 17 th	Jack Martin 14 th	Tom McMahan 25 th
Tom Phillips 16 th	Joe Philpott 17 th	Mike Seagram 24 th	Randy Skinner 12 th
Bucky Taylor 20 th	Ken Wagner 17 th	Mark Wilson 5 th	Greg Windsor 6 th
Mark Worthey 30 th			

JULY TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
July 6 Watters Creek	128	100%	Doug Shackelford 71	Bob King 66 Chuck Smith 66
July 13 Grapevine	128	100%	Jalil Daneshfar 69	Joe Luna 60
July 20 Tangleridge	100	78%	Jack Whitling 71	Ben Robinson 60
July 27 Mansfield Nat'l	88	68%	Rob Ruth 69 Jack Whitling 69	Ben Sanford 65

PUN INTENDED

Before the surgery, the anesthesiologist offered to knock me out with gas or a boat paddle...it was an ether/oar situation.

NEXT 6 TOURNAMENTS:

- Aug. 3 Prairie Lakes (Grand Prairie) 8:00 Eddlemon's BBQ available at course.
Aug. 10 Woodbridge (Wylie) 8:00 **(Swapped with Buffalo Creek, now on Sep. 14)**
Aug 17 Sky Creek Ranch (Keller) 8:00
Aug 22 Diamond Oaks C.C. (Ft. Worth) 8:00 Complimentary lunch will be served.
Aug. 24 Bridlewood (Flower Mound) 8:00
Aug 31 Watters Creek (Allen) 8:00

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES...

Aug. 3 Prairie Lakes (Grand Prairie) 972-263-0661; 3202 SE 14th St. Drive I-35 southbound, take the Loop 12 split towards Irving. Drive approx. 10 miles south, then take Spur 408 for about 1½ miles and make a right turn onto Hwy 303 driving west over Mountain Creek Lake. On the other side of the lake, turn left @ SE 14th St. (traffic light). Course entrance approx. ½ mile on left.

Aug. 10 Woodbridge (Wylie) 972-429-5100 7400 Country Club Dr. Drive the Geo Bush Turnpike, exit at Hwy 78 (north) in Garland. Drive 3.9 miles; turn right into the Woodbridge subdivision. At 2nd stop sign, turn left. Course entrance .2 miles, straight ahead.

Aug. 17 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 2nd 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.

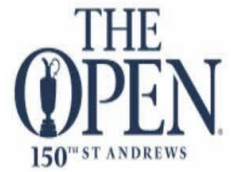
Aug. 22 Diamond Oaks C.C. (Ft. Worth) 817-834-6261; 5821 Diamond Oaks Dr. N. Drive the George Bush Turnpike south, merging onto Hwy 183 west. Drive 15 miles west. Hwy 183 becomes I-820 west. Past Iron Horse Blvd., exit at Hwy 377 (Denton Hwy). Turn left and drive south on Hwy 377 for 1 mile. Turn left at Diamond Oaks Dr. Road bends to the right, Club entrance is on left.

Aug. 24 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.

Aug. 31 Watters Creek (Allen) -517-7777; 7201 Chase Oaks Blvd. Drive I-75 (Central Expwy). Exit at Legacy Dr., turn west. At 2nd traffic light, (Chase Oaks Blvd) turn right. Course ½ mile on left.

2022 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP POT

This year's Open Championship would be played at the Holy Grail of Golf...St. Andrews, hard by the North Sea in Scotland. This is the birthplace of golf and a severe test for the best golfers in the world. NTSGA members made 91 combo selections in hopes of winning the Pot for this year's final major golf tournament.



Weather conditions on Scotland's coast can be fickle and would surely test the games of all 156 players. The most popular selections were understandably: Jordan Spieth, Xander Schauffele, Rory McIlroy and Scottie Scheffler. Cool weather conditions usually prevail when playing this majestic golf course as wind, crispy greens and pot bunkers make for tough conditions for the pros. Unheralded Cameron Young led after Round 1 finishing at 8 under par.

Friday weather conditions were sunny with no wind but the humps, bumps, speedy greens, high gorse and treacherous bunkers would force the pro's to play conservative, smart shots in an attempt to make the cut.

Cam Smith played beautifully, finishing Round 2 at 13 under par; the lowest score at the halfway point of all 150 Open Championships. Failure to make the cut at the tournament mid-point cost 14 NTSGA selections to be eliminated.

Round 3 began with light winds and sunny skies but clouds rolled in, forcing spectators and players to don jackets for the remainder of the round. Rory McIlroy seized the lead of this Championship following a chip-in from a pot bunker for eagle and the lead, passing Viktor Hovland, Cam Young, Si Who Kim, Scottie Scheffler and Cam Smith. Excitement was building at the homes of NTSGA golfers: **Bucky Taylor, Gene Lindsey, Dave Patrick** and **Bill Roll** as all had golfer selections near the top of the leaderboard.

On the back nine of this major championship, during the final round, Cameron Smith caught fire and made 5 birdies in a row and another birdie on the home hole which was just enough to defeat Cameron Young who would record an eagle on the 18th hole. Smith recorded the lowest tournament score ever (-20) on this fabled golf course, shooting a sparkling 64 and becoming the 2022 Champion Golfer of the Year.

Results of the Open Championship Pool: 1st Place, 2-way tie **Dave Patrick & Jack Thompson**, both selecting Cameron Smith (1) & Rory McIlroy (3); \$193.00/ea. 3rd Place: 2-way tie **Larry Kimberlin & Danny Millaway**, both selecting Rory McIlroy (3) & Jordan Spieth (T8); \$34.00/ea.

CONGRATULATIONS, to all of the winners!

The next major Pot selections will be for the 2023 Masters, April 5, 2023.

Vegetarians live up to nine years longer than meat-eaters. Nine horrible, worthless, baconless years!

AGE SHOOTERS – JULY

Jim Krause 7/6 Watters Creek 79
Doug Shackelford 7/6 Watters Creek 71
Jalil Daneshfar 7/13 Grapevine 69
Jim Krause 7/13 Grapevine 76
David Miller 7/13 Grapevine 80
Wayne Mueller 7/13 Grapevine 76
Dave Patrick 7/13 Grapevine 70
Butch Vaut 7/13 Grapevine 78
Jerry Walker 7/13 Grapevine 82
Bob Wands 7/13 Grapevine 80
Jim Krause 7/20 Tangleridge 76
Wayne Mueller 7/20 Tangleridge 74
Ben Robinson 7/20 Tangleridge 83
Tom McMahan 7/27 Mansfield Nat'l 79
Jerry Walker 7/27 Mansfield Nat'l 83

A yellow sign with black text that reads: "I lost my job at the bank on my very first day! A lady ask me to check her balance so I pushed her over ..."

20 ROUNDS:

Several members have called regarding the 20 round annual requirement deemed by the NTSGA By-Laws. The annual requirement of 20 rounds was waived by the Board of Directors for 2020 and 2021 due to COVID restraints, **but not this year**. Members must meet the requirement of 20 rounds participation or face resignation from NTSGA. Twenty two tournaments still remain on our annual schedule. There are provisions for medical exemptions for members with short time illnesses/injuries and they must be received by NTSGA **Secretary Phil Fahs**.

UNDERSTUDY...

Rod Wells has no intentions of vacating his NTSGA position as Tournament Chairman, however, at a recent Board of Directors meeting; several members of the Board voiced their concerns about the void that would result if illness or injury forced Rod out of his current position. Therefore, the Board is soliciting member(s) that would be interested in gaining general knowledge and learning the aspects of the Tournament Chairman responsibilities. Please contact **Rod** (972-699-8020) or **Secretary Phil Fahs** (972-243-3450). Thank You.

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds". I bought her a bathroom scales....and then the fight started.

THANK YOU:



The entire NTSGA organization owes a big Thank You to 10 year member, **John Carrick** for his valuable CPA assistance in the turnover of the Treasurer position to new Treasurer **Terry Bell**. He worked with Terry and Webmaster **Howie Bacharach** ensuring financial entries and accounting practices were adhering to current IRS policies, including the filing of proper IRS documents. In addition, John recommended changes to our accounting system which were implemented in November 2021.

Next time you see **John Carrick**, please thank him for his hard work, diligence and loyalty to the North Texas Senior Golf Association.

HOLE-IN-ONE...BOB KING

Five year member, **Bob King** recorded his 2nd lifetime Hole-In-One on June 29 at Texas Star. Both of Bob's aces were made while playing with NTSGA, his first one recorded Jan. 31, 2018 at WestRidge. Bob used his 6 iron (the same club he used at WestRidge) on the uphill par 3, #3 hole at Texas Star while playing with Kelly Jackson, Bob Lewis and Mike Robertson. Measuring 118 yards, none of the foursome saw the ball roll into the hole as the pin was positioned behind a bunker. Bob grew up in Dallas, attending North Dallas High School and Collin County Community College before starting work with Texas Instruments and later E Systems. Before retiring, Bob worked for Unitron, a leading manufacturer of solid state ground power conversion equipment for aerospace and marine industries for military and commercial companies. In addition to the \$200.00 NTSGA adds to Bob's Bank, as an added bonus he will be presented a watercolor picture drawn by gifted artist and NTSGA member, Wayne Mueller.



Last month was very good for Bob's finances as his flight prize money, skins money, closest to the pin money and hole-in-one money totaled a whopping \$844.00.

CONGRATULATIONS, BOB KING

...Bob has been a member since 2017 and his loyalty to the Association is very much appreciated as he drives 2 hours one-way on Wednesday mornings to play in our tournaments.

WATERCOLOR ARTIST....WAYNE MUELLER

NTSGA member **Wayne Mueller** has been a loyal member of the organization for 5 years. He sports a 10 handicap and has shot his age 10 times already this year. What you don't know about Wayne is that he is a very accomplished watercolor artist. Wayne is a native Texan, born in Tyler and attended local schools in Gladewater. Fulfilling a military obligation, Wayne served 6 years in the Army Reserves in El Paso. He enrolled at the University of North Texas, in Denton on a football scholarship, but his most accomplished achievement is in art. Wayne's college major was Business with a minor in Art Advertising. His passion has always been in art, painting with watercolors, oils and acrylics to produce beautiful paintings for clients and family members. He has received recognition for his beautiful paintings and attended workshops from renowned artist's Stephen Quiller and Sterling Edwards.



Wayne Mueller loves playing golf with NTSGA and has many fine comments about the organization. He has decided he would like to give back to our organization and has graciously donated his artistic talents by drawing pictures of NTSGA members decided on by the Board of Directors. This gesture is of no cost to the individual or the organization. The Board voted to have Wayne paint watercolor pictures of Hole-in-One winners. His first painting was of member **Gary Mitchell** and

his painting is accompanying this article. Shortly, Wayne will start on the picture of the second Hole-in-One recipient, **Bob King**.

The North Texas Senior Golf Association is indebted to **Wayne Mueller** for this most generous gift to members of the Association. A portfolio of Wayne's paintings can be viewed at waynemuellerfineart.com/works

A Tennessee state trooper pulled over a pickup on I-65. The trooper asked, "Got any ID?" The driver replied, "Bout what?"

WARM UP.....

Prior to a tournament, your warm-up time on the range should only be about 15-20 balls. You're not there for a lengthy practice session.....you're there to get loose prior to playing 18 holes. Please be courteous of other members waiting to warm up prior to their round. Your goal isn't to hit 2-3 buckets of balls, but rather a warm up session designed to loosen some stiff muscles. Other members are waiting patiently to do the same thing. Thank you.

As I watch this generation try and rewrite history, I'm sure of one thing: It will be misspelled and have no punctuation!

HARD CAP, SOFT CAP:

Several members have asked about the hard cap and soft cap that Handicap Chairman **Howie Bacharach** uses to compute the NTSGA handicaps. It's a complicated system but it aligns with the World Handicap System, USGA and now our organization. It tracks the lowest golf handicap index calculated for a player during a rolling 12 month period and is incorporated into the NTSGA computer software program. If a newly calculated index goes up more than 3.0 strokes from the lowest index during the previous 12 months, the "soft cap" goes into effect. With the "soft cap" in place and the golfers index goes up by 5.0 strokes, the "hard cap" goes into effect which prevents any further increase in the player's index. A player must have at least 20 rounds of acceptable scores before the soft cap/hard cap computation becomes relevant. There is no limit on the amount by which a player's Handicap Index can decrease, but the soft cap/hard cap will ensure that a temporary loss of form does not cause a player's Handicap Index to increase to a level inconsistent with their demonstrated ability.

Handicap Chairman **Howie Bacharach** has spent considerable time learning this confusing method of calculation, but is willing to discuss the intricacies of this system to NTSGA members. Howie can be reached at 972-620-2602.

FUNNY...

Upon hearing that her elderly grandfather had just passed away, Katie went straight to her grandparent's house to visit her 95 year-old grandmother and comfort her.

When she asked how her grandfather had died, her grandmother replied, "He had a heart attack while we were making love on Sunday morning." Horrified, Katie told her grandmother that 2 people nearly 100 years old having sex would surely be asking for trouble.

"Oh no, my dear," replied granny. "Many years ago realizing our advanced age, we figured out the best time to do it was when the church bells would start to ring. It was just the right rhythm. Nice and slow and even. Nothing too strenuous, simply in on the Ding and out on the Dong." She paused to wipe away a tear and continued, "He'd still be alive if the ice cream truck hadn't come along."

