NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 2022

- Part 2 of the Slow Play research completed by Ken Wagner is included in this newsletter. Part 1 of this subject was in the April newsletter.
- The Masters Pot ended in a six way tie. See the write-up in this newsletter.
- The PGA tour comes to the Metroplex this month. The Byron Nelson on May 12-15 at TPC Craig Ranch and The Colonial on May 26-29 in Ft. Worth.
- Several guests (golfers on our waiting list) have been participating in our events.
 Please welcome them as guests and answer any questions they may have about the organization or our tournaments.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR MAY...

Terry Bell 31st
Phil Fahs 15 th
Joe Ries 3 rd
Jim Staron 5 th

Rob Bennett 4 th
Tom Hatfield 20th
Doug Shackelford 2 nd
Tim Strobel 21st

Players

Bobby Clay 25th Jerry Jenkins 24th Russell Smeed 31st Ron Swanson 6th Joe Estes 17th **Mike McGaughey** 25th
Kurt Smith 1st
Zeke Zietak 3rd

Low

Mosquito: an insect that makes you like flies better

Percentage

APRIL TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

Low

Buffalo Creek	114	of full field 89%	Gross John Campbell 73	Net Bob Wands 63
Bridlewood Ca	anceled, du	e to course s	cheduling error.	
Diamond Oaks	C.C. 98	76%	Randy Durant 72	Bill Roll 68 Mark Rushing 68
Texas Star	126	96%	Mike Jones 70	Gene Edmondson 65
Fossil Creek	98	76%	Brad Goethals 71	Brad Goethals 68 Joel Rogers 68

PUN INTENDED...

In search of fresh vegetable puns...Lettuce know!

NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS:

May 4 Grapevine (Grapevine) 8:00 May 11 The Golf Club of Dallas (Dallas) 8:00 May 18 Mansfield National (Mansfield) 8:00 May 25 Frisco Lakes (Frisco) 8:00 June 1 Waterchase (Arlington) 8:00 You'd be surprised how quickly employees at Lowe's assist you after ignoring you for 20 minutes when you try and start a chainsaw.

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES...

May 4 <u>Grapevine</u> (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.

May 11 <u>The Golf Club of Dallas</u> (Dallas) 214-333-3595; 2200 W. Redbird Ln. From downtown Dallas, drive south on I-35E. Approx 4.4 miles, bear right onto Hwy 67 (towards Cleburne). In approx. 2.2 miles, exit at Hampton Rd. Turn left (under Hwy 67). At 2nd traffic light (Red Bird Ln.) turn left, course entrance .1 mile on right.

May 18 Mansfield National (Mansfield) 817-477-3366; 3750 National Pkwy. Take I-20 westbound, exit at Hwy 360. Left turn, go south approx. 8 miles. Exit at Heritage Pkwy. (traffic light) Turn left. Course straight ahead.

May 25 <u>Frisco Lakes</u> (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.

June 1 <u>Waterchase</u> (Arlington) 817-861-4653; 8951 Creek Run Rd. Take I-30 westbound, past the Rangers Ballpark, exit at Eastchase Pkwy., right turn to 2nd traffic light. (John T. White Rd.) Turn right for 1 block. Right turn at Randol Mill Rd., drive ½ mile, left turn at Creek Run Rd., (alongside apt. complex), course ½ mile on left.

The theory is that if you buy an ice cream cone and make it hit your mouth, you can learn to play golf. If you miss your mouth and stick it on your forehead, your chances are not very good.

SCORECARDS:

The Scoring Committee is still having trouble reading some of the scorecards. Remember, the scorecards are an official document of the round played by each player, hole by hole. To be official, it must be signed by the scorekeeper and attested by one other member of the foursome. At Texas Star, two cards were submitted that didn't have any signatures and two cards were submitted with only one signature. This tells the Scoring committee that no one bounced the scores against the other scorecard. Most courses have pencils provided for each cart and most of the time the pencils have erasers. Rather than writing over a 5 trying to make it a 6, or making a 7 out of a 4, simply erase the wrong entry and record the correct score so it is legible to the Scoring Committee. If the pencils on the carts do not have erasers, surely one member of the foursome has a pencil with an eraser in his golf bag. Sometimes the committee is trying to guess at the correct score entered, when this should never be the case. These computer generated scorecards are pre-printed with each player's name printed in black for players teeing off from the back tees and red if using the forward tees. The cards also show the starting hole, the course being played, the date of the event and a reminder to pick up the Closest to the Pin marker if finishing on a Par 3 hole. We are playing for a small amount of money and the scorecard is the official document of the scores made by each golfer on each hole. Please pay a little more attention to detail when entering scores legibly onto the scorecards. Thank you.



AGE SHOOTERS: APRIL

Wayne Mueller 4/6 Buffalo Creek 79 Elliott Prater 4/6 Buffalo Creek 78 Bob Wands 4/6 Buffalo Creek 74 Tom McMahan 4/20 Texas Star 80 Wayne Mueller 4/20 Texas Star 76 Joel Rogers 4/20 Texas Star 81 Harry Schmidt 4/20 Texas Star 74 Butch Vaut 4/20 Texas Star 77 Tom McMahan 4/27 Fossil Creek 81

I accidentally wore a red shirt to Target today and, long story short, I'm covering for Debbie this weekend.

2022 MASTERS POT

This year's Masters entries were somewhat a mystery as everyone waited to see if Tiger Woods was going to play. If so, it would be his first competitive round in 2 years. Seventy five selections were made by NTSGA golfers in this year's quest to win the 2022 Masters Pot. Tiger Woods was indeed in the field for Thursday's opening round along with 89 other invitees. The most popular



golfers selected by NTSGA members were Justin Thomas, Jordan Spieth, Cameron Smith, Scottie Scheffler and Rory McIlroy. After Round 1, Sungiae Im led the field recording a score of 5 under par. **Thunder Miller** was certainly happy as he was the only NTSGA golfer to have Im in his combo selections.

Round 2 began with strong winds and cold temperatures. Highland Parks' Scottie Scheffler seized the lead by playing consistent, strong golf and led the field by 5 strokes headed to the weekend. He is the hottest golfer on tour as he has won three of the last five tournaments he has played. The round was highlighted by a hole-in-one on Hole #16 by Stewart Cink with is son as his caddy, who was celebrating his birthday. A memory the Cink family will never forget. After the cut following the 2nd round, some NTSGA golfers were disappointed as Brooks Koepka, Jordan Spieth, Xander Schauffele and Bryson DeChambeau all missed the cut and knocked their selections out of the running for the Masters Pot.

Strong winds and cold conditions continued for Round 3 at Augusta on Saturday as players and caddies tried to stay warm with wind chill temperatures in the 40's. Scottie Scheffler continued his fine play to the delight of 32 NTSGA members that had him as one half of their combo selections. Cameron Smith made a strong bid for the lead and by day's end only trailed Scheffler by 3 strokes. The most cheering and screaming was coming from the households of **Gary Mitchell**, **Bob King**, **Tom McMahan**, **Roger Ball**, **Robert Tabor**, **Bucky Taylor**, **Brad Goethals** and **Pete Romanyak** who all had selections that could easily win the NTSGA Pot.

The final round of the Masters was more typical of April weather conditions at Augusta. Temperatures warmed under a sun shining all day through the pines, no wind, blue skies and thousands of patrons cheering on every hole. Cameron Smith, coming off his thrilling win at the Players Championship in March, was pushing Scottie Scheffler to the limit until he knocked his ball into Rae's creek on the 12th hole, squelching any chances of catching Scheffler.

Five NTSGA golfers cashed in for this year's Masters Pot:

Roger Ball, Jim Rowley, Larry Kimberlin, Bob King and Russ Medlin: Scottie Scheffler (1) & Cameron Smith (T3).

Roger Ball: Scottie Scheffler (1) & Shane Lowry (T3).

CONGRATULATIONS to all of the winners, each pocketed \$62.00. The next Pot will be for the PGA Championship, May 19-22.

SLOW PLAY - PART II

...Ken Wagner

Part I appeared in the April newsletter. To access it, click on the website newsletter tab and the April newsletter will appear. If needed an earlier issue, click on Archives and the last several years of newsletters will appear. Part I covered: Preparing for and executing the shot, both on the tee and on the green. This article will cover driving/walking to the next shot, leaving the green and driving to the next shot.

- 2) <u>Driving/walking to the next shot</u>: following the tee shot and after driving to the ball of the player to hit first, the other player should drive to his own ball and prepare to hit his next shot. The first player should walk to the cart immediately after 'admiring' his shot. After completing your shot, proceed directly to the cart; wait to clean/rebag your club(s) until arriving at the green/next shot...Club in, club out.
- 3) <u>Leaving the green and driving to the next tee</u>: After both players are in the cart, drive to the next tee box, <u>then</u> rebag your club(s) and record the scores from the previous hole.
- *On Par 3's, if the group behind is ready to hit and your group has not yet begun to putt, invite the group behind to hit up. Once they have hit, resume play. On any hole, if your group is more than a hole behind, use this method to allow the group behind to play through.



SAD NEWS:

NTSGA Director, **Greg Windsor's son, Justin** passed away on April 10. The entire organization is saddened by this unfortunate news. A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date.

Rest in Peace, Justin Windsor.

MORE SAD NEWS:

Former NTSGA member, **Pat Scarborough** has passed away at the age of 78. Born in Lubbock, TX he graduated from Texas Tech University earning a Business degree and playing on the Tech golf team. Following college, he served his country honorably with his service in the U.S. Air Force. A memorial service will be held for Pat at Prestonwood Baptist Church (North Campus) in Prosper, TX on May 9 at 11:00 AM. Pat was a loyal member of NTSGA for six years resigning in 2021.



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PAIRINGS:

Tournament Chairman, **Rod Wells** spends a lot of time preparing the pairings for our tournaments. Beginning after 12:00, 2 days before the event, he makes the pairings for the upcoming tournament. He tries to keep similar handicap golfers together, attempting to keep same tee box members together, honoring member's requests to compete with fellow members and adding guests when openings remain. When a monkey wrench is thrown into the equation, **Rod** must scramble to right the ship and produce a pairing sheet accommodating all players. Late cancellations, emergency drop outs, late sign-ups all tend to muddy the whole process. Remember, cancellations and sign-ups after noon, 2 days before the event are LATE, and not guaranteed a spot to play. Sometimes Rod has to move players just prior to the carts leaving to start the round. If you are moved to another group due to last minute changes, just accept the fact, and enjoy your game playing with a different foursome. Thank You.

FUNNY- ...Tom McMahan

The day after his wife disappeared in a kayaking accident, an Irishman answered his door to find two grim-faced constables.

"We're sorry, Mr. O'Flynn, but we have some information about your dear wife, Maureen," said one of the officers.

"Tell me, did you find her?" Michael Patrick O'Flynn asked.

The constables looked at each other and one said, "We have some bad news, some good news and some really great news. Which would you like to hear first?" Fearing the worst, Mr. O'Flynn said, "Give me the bad news first." The constable said, "I'm sorry to tell you sir, but early this morning we found your poor wife's body in the bay."

"Lord sufferin Jesus and Holy Mother of God!" exclaimed O'Flynn. Swallowing hard, he then asked, "What could possibly be the good news?"

The constable continued. "When we pulled the late departed poor Maureen up, she had 12 of the best looking Atlantic lobsters that you have ever seen clinging to her. Haven't seen lobsters like that since the 1960's and we feel you are entitled to share in the catch." Stunned, Mr. O'Flynn demanded, "Glory be to God, if that's the good news, then what's the really great news?"

The constable replied, "We're gonna pull her up again tomorrow."