

# NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2023

## HAPPY 60<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY: NORTH TEXAS SENIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION

- NTSGA organized Feb. 15, 1963!
- Remember, the schedule change for April 5<sup>th</sup>...we play at Buffalo Creek.
- Masters Pot selections can be made April 5<sup>th</sup> at Buffalo Creek. If unable to be at Buffalo Creek, selections can be sent by email (pfahs57@yahoo.com) received before 7:00 am, April 6. Select 2 players, lowest combined finish by the 2 players wins pot. Payout 3 places. Select as many pairs as desired. \$5.00/2man selections.
- Several long-time members bid farewell to NTSGA this year. Their names are listed in this newsletter.
- The first two holes-in-one of the 2023 season were made last month. See the write-ups in this newsletter.

## BIRTHDAY'S FOR APRIL...

John Anderson 17 <sup>th</sup>	Andy Braun 21 <sup>st</sup>	David Bruner 12 <sup>th</sup>	Joseph Esprit 12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Mike Fosheim</b> 12 <sup>th</sup>	Larry Gebhardt 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ray Grupp</b> 5 <sup>th</sup>	Kelly Jackson 20 <sup>th</sup>
Roger Nondorf 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ron Rankey 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mike Shirejian 30 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Thompson 16 <sup>th</sup>
Butch Vaut 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jim Wagoner 9 <sup>th</sup>		

## MARCH TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Mar. 1 Waterchase	116	90%	<b>Mike Jones</b> 70	<b>Billy Cunningham</b> 67
Mar. 8 Waterview	110	85%	<b>David Kneer</b> 69	<b>Dave Dudley</b> 66
Mar. 15 Luna Vista	127	99%	<b>Randy Grimes</b> 74	<b>Kevin Vines</b> 63
Mar. 22 Bridlewood	128	100%	<b>Andy Braun</b> 73 <b>Rob Ruth</b> 73 <b>Mark Worthey</b> 73	<b>Gene Edmondson</b> 64
Mar. 29 Watters Creek	126	98%	<b>David Kneer</b> 72	<b>Scott Tritch</b> 68

## PUN INTENDED

I'm hoping for a good tree pun...I wish they were more poplar!

## NEXT 4 TOURNAMENTS

Apr. 5 Buffalo Creek (Rockwall) 8:00

Apr. 12 Bear Creek – East (DFW Airport) 7:30, check-in table closes at 7:00

Apr. 19 Tenison Park – Highlands (Dallas) 8:00

Apr. 26 Tangleridge (Grand Prairie) 8:00

## DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES:

Apr. 5 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. 12 Bear Creek (DFW Airport) 972-456-3200; 3500 Bear Creek Ct. Course is located on the southwest corner of DFW Airport. Drive the George Bush Turnpike south, towards Arlington. Prior to Hwy 183, exit at Walnut Hill Ln. Turn right. At 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light (Airfield Dr.) turn left. Drive 2.3 miles passing 4 traffic lights and overtop of the Airport spine road. Course entrance on left before the 5<sup>th</sup> traffic light.

Apr. 19 Tenison Park – Highlands (Dallas) 214-670-1402; 3501 Samuell Blvd. Drive east of downtown Dallas on I-30, exit at Dolphin Rd., turn left, under I-30 for 1 block, right turn on Samuell Blvd. Then a left turn at Tenison Parkway, course entrance on right.

Apr. 26 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 crossing 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.

I discovered that I scream the same way whether I'm about to be devoured by a great white shark or if a piece of seaweed touches my foot.

Masters notes: Gary Player is the only Masters Winner to not have his Jacket locked up at Augusta. He was able to keep it by “forgetting” to bring it back after he won the '61 tournament. The jacket is on display at the World Golf Hall of Fame in St. Augustine, FL.

## MORE GOLF...

### 2ND ANNUAL WARHORSE CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Benefitting all Texas Veterans and the projects of The Undaunted Warhorse Initiative



Friday, April 21....8 AM Shotgun start, 18 hole scramble:  
Woodbridge Golf Club, Wylie, TX

Individual: \$125, 4 person team: \$500. Includes green fee, cart, range balls, Breakfast, Lunch with raffle awards.

Additional information: Contact NTSGA member **Scott Willoughby** 214-597-5232 or Brad Tiegs 214-460-8234 (brad@warhorse.me)

## HOLE-IN-ONE: JUAN BERGARA...

Four year NTSGA member **Juan Bergara** recorded the 1<sup>st</sup> hole-in-one of the 2023 season at the Waterchase Golf Club on Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> hole-in-one ever made on Hole #12 by an NTSGA member. **Juan** used an 8 iron to the elevated green and hit the ball exactly 118 yards. His playing partners that day were Gabe Nicolella, Joe Ben Ramos and Jim Sendejas. Most of the time, this elevated green hides the hole location behind a bunker. None of the foursome saw the ball land on the green; however, two greenskeepers were on the cart path next to the hole and saw the ball roll into the hole. They started yelling and clapping and not until Juan looked into the hole did he realize he just made his first ever hole-in-one.

**Juan** grew up in Beeville, Texas close by Chase Field, a US Navy jet training base. After graduation from A.C.Jones High School, he went to work for AT&T in Houston followed by a move to Austin and eventually settling in Dallas. He was an AT&T Plant Engineer retiring after 36 years of AT&T employment. NTSGA is happy to add \$200.00 to **Juan's** Bank account for his great golf shot. In addition, he will receive a beautiful picture painted by watercolor artist...member **Wayne Mueller**.



## CONGRATULATIONS, JUAN BERGARA.

An elderly, but hardy cattleman from west Texas once told a young female neighbor that if she wanted to live a long life, the secret was to sprinkle a pinch of gunpowder on her oatmeal each morning. She did this religiously and lived to the ripe old age of 103. She left behind 14 children, 30 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren and a 40 foot HOLE where the crematorium used to be.

## MORE, MORE GOLF...



# 18th Annual

## Golf Outing Sponsorships

presented by **DELL** Technologies

May 22 - 11:00 AM Start  
The Clubs at the Tribute - The Colony, TX

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 22. 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, or a 4 man team (without the veteran) is also \$600.00. 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 or [ngwindsor@verizon.net](mailto:ngwindsor@verizon.net)

## MASTERS LORE:

Twenty-three-year-old Tsuneyuki Nakajima, playing in his first Masters in 1978, shot an opening round 80 but was having an altogether steadier second round when he arrived at the 13th. He hit left and found the creek with his tee shot, laid up with his third, and then dumped his fourth into the creek short of the green. And that's when things really started going wrong. His fifth shot popped up and hit his foot on the way down meaning a two-stroke penalty. He then tried handing the club to his caddie to clean it, but the clubhead touched the hazard—another two-stroke penalty. Four penalty strokes, just like that. He then blasted over the green into a bunker, hit out of the bunker, and two-putted for a 13. It's one of three 13's recorded at the Masters, the others made by Tom Weiskopf at the 12th in 1980's first round, and Sergio Garcia at the 15th during the first round in 2018.



# WATERCOLOR ARTIST...WAYNE MUELLER

Mothers Day is fast approaching (May 14) and NTSGA member, **Wayne Mueller** has agreed to paint a watercolor portrait at the discounted rate of \$150.00 for our members. He needs a snapshot of the picture you would like him to paint. It may contain two figures and would make a beautiful gift for wives/mothers in your life on this special day. You can view examples of **Wayne's** artistry of pets and people on Wayne's website: [waynemuellerfineart.com](http://waynemuellerfineart.com) Contact **Wayne** at 817-903-5015.

## MORE, MORE, MORE GOLF: RAYNIER SANCHEZ MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Benefitting youth/children's activities enabling participants to survive/thrive in Cuba

Tuesday, June 6...9:00 AM Shotgun start, 4 person 18 hole scramble:

The Clubs of Prestonwood – Hills Course

Individual: \$150, 4 person team: \$600. Includes green fee, cart, range balls, Breakfast, goody bag/with snacks and fajita lunch following the round.

Additional information: Contact NTSGA member **Eddie Marshall** 972-740-8646 or Andrew 214-233-5295 ([Andrew@proclaimcuba.org](mailto:Andrew@proclaimcuba.org))

If a man speaks in the forest and there is no woman to hear him...is he still wrong?

## RECENTLY RESIGNED MEMBERS:

David Atnip	Bruce Barlow	Walt Barnes	Fraser Border	Chuck Burke
John Campbell	Chet Chetzron	Bobby Clay	Scott Crabtree	Ollie Cromwell
Sterling Forsythe	Rick Gustafson	Tom Hatfield	Dwight Johnson	Tim Johnson
Jeff Kedzior	Bill Kibler	Bob Kingwell	Joe Luna	Randy Mattingley
Thunder Miller	Larry Milton	Joe Minter	Gary Norman	Ted Perdue
Judge Perry	John Pope	Pete Romanyak	Dave Self	Doug Smith
Kurt Smith	Robert Tabor	Bill Watson	Pat Wheeler	Walter Whitfield
Lou Wilkerson	Mike Williams			

Beauty Parlor: A place where women curl up and dye!

## NTSGA RULES REVIEW:

NTSGA adheres to USGA rules with exceptions, to allow for more favorable playing conditions and the enjoyment of all members. One rule that seems to be violated is pertaining to bunker play. If a ball rests in wet sand and the bunker has areas of dry sand, the ball may be lifted, dry sand raked and ball dropped in the raked sand. The ball should be dropped from knee height and not placed on the dry sand. Pebbles, rocks, leaves, twigs, grass, etc. may now be removed from a bunker without penalty under the new rule changes of 2019. If there are no dry areas in the bunker, drop the ball in front of the bunker within one club length from the front edge of the bunker in line where the ball lay and the hole, no closer to the hole. There is no penalty. The bunker should be between the player and the green. The other playing partners should agree on the correct action to be taken if a ball is to be repositioned.

## AGE SHOOTERS – MARCH

**Wayne Mueller** 3/1 Waterchase 80  
**Ron Rankey** 3/1 Waterchase 76  
**David Kneer** 3/8 Waterview 69  
**Jim Rowley** 3/8 Waterview 79  
**Mike Barker** 3/22 Bridlewood 79  
**Phil Fahs** 3/22 Bridlewood 83  
**Jim Krause** 3/22 Bridlewood 77  
**Wayne Mueller** 3/22 Bridlewood 76  
**Joe Philpott** 3/22 Bridlewood 76  
**Jim Rowley** 3/22 Bridlewood 78  
**Butch Vaut** 3/22 Bridlewood 76  
**Jim Krause** 3/29 Watters Creek 78  
**Butch Vaut** 3/29 Watters Creek 77



## EXCESSIVE SIGN-UPS

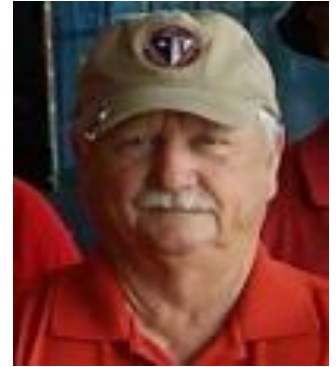
Sometimes more than the maximum numbers of players (128) sign up for our tournaments. When this happens, Tournament Chairman **Rod Wells** uses a computer generated random list of all members and has to call or email the number of members in excess of 128. He informs them that they will not be able to play in that event. (NTSGA By-Laws Article VI, Section 5).

Don't feel as if you're being picked upon, as you will not be excluded from a tournament again until all 230 members have been screened and forced to sit out an event. You are, however, given credit towards the 20 round annual round requirement if you get dropped from an NTSGA tournament.

**Adult:** a person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

# HOLE-IN-ONE...ROGER BALL

It didn't take long for the second hole-in-one of 2023 to be recorded as **President Roger Ball** aced #8 at Bridlewood Golf Club on Mar. 22. His playing partners were Past-President **Gene Edmondson; Tim Strobel and George Miller. Roger** used an 8 iron to carry the lake and hit the ball precisely 142 yards. He has been a loyal member of NTSGA for 12 years and during that time has faithfully served as our Vice President and President for 4 years. In addition to his officer duties, he runs the net skins program and is a member of the NTSGA Scoring Committee. This is **Roger's** 4th hole-in-one during his golfing career and he also made a hole-in-one while playing with NTSGA at Mesquite in 2014. **Roger** grew up in Roanoke, Virginia attending local schools. Following graduation from Virginia Tech, he faithfully served 4 years in the US Air Force spending time in Korea and Andrews AFB. Upon completion of his military obligation, Roger went to work for GTE which later merged with Bell Atlantic and later became Verizon Communications. Verizon is the global technology company delivering digital communications to millions of customers worldwide. Following a 31 year career in the communications industry, Roger retired from Verizon as a Senior Staff Consultant. NTSGA is happy to add \$200.00 to **Roger's** Bank account for his great golf shot. In addition, he will receive a beautiful picture painted by watercolor artist...member **Wayne Mueller**.



## CONGRATULATIONS, ROGER BALL!

### PUTTING OUT...

Some members think it is ridiculous that we have to putt 3", 6", 10", etc. putts and they are not considered "gimme putts". Perhaps a little background will temper this topic. A few years ago 18" putts were considered "gimme putts". All members had their putter marked with tape at the 18" mark by one of the organization Directors. Laying the putter on the ground measuring the length of the putt, any ball touching the tape was considered a gimme. Then it got out of hand! Soon there were 20", 24", and 36" putts being given by gratuitous partners.

For the most part, the organization adheres to USGA standards with the exception of a few rules that have been adopted by NTSGA contributing to the social, friendly atmosphere at our tournaments.

Remember, there is money awarded for skins, closest to the pin, two man team competition and flight payout positions. Many times, 1 single stroke is the difference of winning money and not winning money. The Board of Directors has decided it necessary to continue abiding by the USGA rule of holing all putts.

