

NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 2023

- NTSGA is playing only one tournament this month due to the holiday break. The tournament will be played at Pecan Hollow on Dec. 6 starting at 8:30; the check-in table closes at 8:00.
- If you didn't play in the required 20 rounds this year and don't plan to participate in 2024, notify **Secy./Membership Chairman Phil Fahs**, pfahs57@yahoo.com
- Annual dues for 2024 are \$60.00. They will be extracted from your NTSGA Bank on Jan. 1, 2024. If you don't have \$60.00 in your Bank, submit a check to **Treasurer Rick Wiley** by Jan.1, 2024. Rick's address is 1775 State Hwy 26 #1055, Grapevine, TX 76051 Check your Bank balance on the website Member Accounts tab.
- **Tournament Chairman Rod Wells** is currently working on the 2024 Tournament Schedule and it will be available later this month. Check the website Schedules tab.
- Tournament start times are 8:30 and will remain that time until March 10, 2024. The check-in table closes at 8:00.

BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER...

Tony Cherryhomes 14 th	Randy Durant 10 th	Freddie Fredieu 9 th	Mike Godbey 15 th
Mike Kopp 17 th	Gene Lindsey 9 th	Don Marks 12 th	**Dennis Meyer 24 th
Gabe Nicollella 2 nd	James Powell 16 th	Jay Randall 28 th	Harry Schmidt 23 rd
Joe Shelton 31 st	Jon Traver 30 th	Ralph Westbrook 12 th	Jack Whitling 6th
**LeRoy Worm 24 th			

****Dennis Meyer** and **LeRoy Worm** stay up late on their birthdays so they can greet Santa as he comes down the chimney.

EARLY MORNING PHONE CALLS:

These are the only phone numbers to be called or texted for early morning questions or to report a delay in your arrival to the golf courses:

Rod Wells: 214-629-6707

Howie Bacharach: 410-507-2932

PUN INTENDED

Be careful when you eat at Sam & Ella's Diner

NOVEMBER TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Nov. 1 Grapevine	81	63%	Rob Ruth 76 Rick Steeno 76 Mark Worthey 76	David Kemp 70
Nov. 8 Tierra Verde	114	89%	Rick Steeno 71 Jack Whitling 71	Tim Strobel 69
Nov. 15 Sky Creek Ranch	101	78%	Jack Whitling 73	Jim Staron 69
Nov. 29 Irving Golf Club	99	77%	Randy Grimes 72	Ken Pittman 62

FINAL TOURNAMENT OF 2023:

Dec. 6 Pecan Hollow 8:30

DIRECTIONS TO PECAN HOLLOW...

Pecan Hollow (Plano) 972-941-7600; 4501 E. 14th St. Drive the Geo. Bush Turnpike, exit east of Central Expy (I-75) at Jupiter. Drive north for 1 mile, turn right on 14th street and drive 2.3 miles. Course entrance on left. (Careful of oncoming traffic).

I just read a book about marriage that says treat your wife like you treated her on your first date. So tonight after dinner, I'm dropping her off at her parents' house!

CTP MARKERS: Even after an article in the November Newsletter about forgetting to retrieve the CTP markers, following the foursome's 18th hole, it happened again on Nov. 1 at Grapevine. The 6A (Pecan) pairing neglected to retrieve the CTP marker on Hole #2 of the Pecan course at the conclusion of their round. The pre-printed scorecards have a reminder (highlighted in yellow) for the foursome to bring the marker to the Scoring Committee. Are we going to have to tie strings on the fingers of the foursomes responsible for bringing the CTP markers back to the clubhouse? An additional enhancement (reminder) has now been added to the scorecards: A yellow marking alongside each player's name of the foursome responsible for bringing the CTP marker to the Scoring Committee. These markings are on the foursome's last hole and hopefully serve as a reminder to gather the CTP marker.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

At a recent Board meeting the following items were approved by the Board of Directors and will go into effect beginning Jan. 1, 2024:

- 1) Weekly tournament fees will be reduced to \$50.00. Correct change would be appreciated at check-in.
- 2) Any golfer participating in the Net Skins Pot will receive a maximum of 1 handicap stroke per hole, on each hole where he gets a stroke.

THANK YOU, WATERCOLOR ARTIST....WAYNE MUELLER

NTSGA member **Wayne Mueller** has been a loyal member of the organization for 6 years. He sports a 9 handicap and has shot his age 14 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 loves playing golf with NTSGA and has many fine comments about the organization. In an effort to give back to our organization he has graciously donated his artistic talents by drawing pictures of NTSGA members who record holes-in-one during tournament play. So far 4 holes-in-one have been recorded this year. This gesture is of no cost to the individual or the organization.

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

FAIRWAY BALL IMPROVEMENTS: You may move the ball within 1 club length left, right or behind (never closer to the hole) to play your next shot. You may never use your hands or clubs to rough up the ground, raise the turf or mash down the turf behind the ball. For a complete review of NTSGA Rules of Tournament Play, click the By-Laws tab of the website (ntsga.org) and click on Rules of Tournament Play.

AGE SHOOTERS – NOVEMBER

Mike Barker 11/8 Tierra Verde 76

Wayne Mueller 11/8 Tierra Verde 79

Tim Strobel 11/8 Tierra Verde 77

Butch Vaut 11/8 Tierra Verde 74

Jim Krause 11/29 Irving Golf Club 78

Bob McKenzie 11/29 Irving Golf Club 84

Butch Vaut 11/29 Irving Golf Club 72

My teacher told me not
to worry about spelling
because in the future
there will be autocorrect
And for that I am
eternally grapefruit.

SENIOR DISCOUNT:

Twenty one year member and our oldest member, **LeRoy Worm** recently stopped at Taco Casa for a bite to eat for lunch. He placed his order for 2 tacos and an iced tea and stated that he was a senior. The young lady behind the counter asked, "What high school do you go to". Duh???

BUNKER PLAY: NTSGA adheres to USGA golf rules with a few exceptions to make it more enjoyable for senior golfers. If a ball lands in a bunker, it is to be played as it lies. If the ball rests in wet sand and the bunker has areas of dry sand, the ball may be lifted, dry sand raked and the ball dropped in the raked sand. If you feel you have an impossible lie in a bunker (ball plugged in the face of a bunker) you may lift the ball from the lie and drop it on the grass, 1 club length in front of the bunker to play your next shot. For this procedure, the golfer incurs a 2 stroke penalty. For a complete review of NTSGA Rules of Tournament Play, click the By-Laws tab of the website (ntsga.org) and click on Rules of Tournament Play.

I woke up this morning with a terrible hangover, to the sound of my neighbors mowing his lawn. I was going to get up...then I thought, "Nah, he can mow around me!"

SOUNDING BOARD: Director **Greg Windsor** is the Board member to be contacted if a member has a suggestion, critique or complaint to take before the Board of Directors. He can be reached at ngwindsor@verizon.net or 972-365-6261.

SLOW PLAY--

... **Butch Vaut**

Golf is undeniably a social game that provides a great platform for spending time with others and getting to know them. But there are limits to the amount of conversation that a round of golf should entail. If the slowpokes in front of you are keeping you from getting anywhere, that's one thing, but some shaggy-dog stories are best told either on the putting green beforehand or in the bar afterward. Just use your best judgment and if you find yourself standing on a tee box listening to your buddy's latest poker bad-beat in excruciating detail, you might want to interject, "Okay, I'll go ahead and hit" to get the message across politely.

