NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 2023

- **Jim Yarbrough** won the US Open Pot played at the Los Angeles Country Club. See the write-up in this newsletter. Selections can be made July 19 at Bridlewood for the upcoming British Open.
- We're half-way through our golf season, have you played in at least 10 tournaments so far during 2023?

BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY

Steve Arning 21st	Roger Ball 13 th	James Bateman 17 th	Michael Boring 31st
Bob Bruner 22 nd	Kelly Davis 24th	Gerald Gotcher 19 th	Basil Greaves 19 th
Ronnie Green 11 th	Bert Hayslip 5 th	Ed Jones 1 st	Mike Jones 13th
*Rusty Kasmeirsky 4 th	Larry Kimberlin 1st	Jerry Neel 7th	George Stacy 22 nd
Chris Stokes 25 th	David Tovar 30 th	Kevin Vines 6 th	Bob Wands 23 rd
Rick Wiley 24th	James Wu 10 th		

^{*}Rusty Kasmeirsky always has large celebrations for his birthday with fireworks all around the country, since his Birthday falls on July 4th!

JUNE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

Play	yers	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net		
June 7 Watters Creek – Canceled, due to course scheduling						
June 14 Tierra Verde	111	86% N	like Jones 71	John Cravens 65		
June 21 Texas Star	127	99% D	ave Patrick 70	Steve Douglas 65		
June 28 Tenison (Highlands)	100	78% D	avid Kneer 74	Dave Brigman 66		
		G	ary Nelson 74	Mark Stokes 66		
		D	ave Patrick 74			
		J	on Traver 74			

REQUIREMENT:

The following new members have successfully fulfilled the requirement of maintaining a handicap less than 25, after their first 10 rounds with NTSGA: Chris Arenas, Frank Chavarria, Dave Dudley, Freddie Fredieu, Ronnie Green, Stu Kambury, David Kneer, Mike Kopp, David Martin, Jon Neff, Matt Pohl, Dave Ramsey, Jim Shrewsbury and Mark Stokes. Congratulations all!

PUN INTENDED:

The little mermaid wears an algebra to math class!

NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS:

July 5 Grapevine (Grapevine) 8:00

July 12 Buffalo Creek (Heath) 8:00

July 19 Bridlewood (Flower Mound) 8:00

July 26 Tangleridge (Grand Prairie) 8:00

Aug. 2 Mansfield National (Mansfield) 8:00 **Lunch Included

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES...

July 5 <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.

July 12 <u>Buffalo Creek</u> (Heath) 972-771-4003; 624 Country Club Dr. Drive the George Bush Turnpike east/south (it ends at I-30). Merge onto I-30 <u>east</u>. 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.

July 19 <u>Bridlewood</u> (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.

July 26 <u>Tangleridge</u> (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 <u>2nd</u> 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.

Aug. 2 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.

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

2023 US Open Pot

This year's US Open was played at the Los Angeles C.C., a venue that had never hosted a major tournament. The course was made tough for the pros with deep rough, penal pin placements and penalizing areas of barranca grass that would test every player's game. There was even a 300 yd. par 3 hole! The pro's were ready for the tough conditions as Rickie Fowler and Xander Schauffele set the record for the lowest score in US Open history during Round 1, both recording 62's. NTSGA members made 75



selections attempting to win this year's US Open Pot. The favorite selections were Jon Rahm, Brooks Koepka, Max Homa and Scottie Scheffler.

Round 2 weather conditions produced sunshine and windy conditions, unlike the overcast, windless conditions of Round 1. Rickie Fowler continued his superb play and ended the day still in the lead over Rory McIlroy, Xander Schauffele, Dustin Johnson, Wyndham Clark, Sam Bennett and Scottie Scheffler. Twenty five NTSGA selections were knocked out of contention as those picks missed the cut. Several NTSGA members were encouraged by Rickie Fowler's play including **Frank Arnold** and **Frank Smith** as both had Fowler as one of their combo selections. The pro's took the tough course conditions in stride and showed spectators their "A" games as they combined to make 1136 birdies, eagles and holes-in-one through the first 2 rounds.

Round 3 began with a marine layer of low clouds coming in from the Pacific Ocean. Rickie Fowler was tied by Wyndham Clark for the lead. Spectators certainly got their money's worth as Rickie Fowler finished his round with a 70' birdie putt; Scheffler holed a 7 iron from 196 yds. for eagle and followed that with a birdie on 18 to get into contention for Sunday's final round. NTSGA household's were buzzing, particularly the households of **Bucky Taylor**, **Gene Lindsey**, **Bobby Tutor**, **Jim Yarbrough** and **Chris Arenas** hoping their combo selections would play well on Sunday.

Sunday's final round had all the drama of a major championship as several lead changes occurred. Cameron Smith, Scottie Scheffler, Rory McIlroy and Tommy Fleetwood were all in hot pursuit of the leader, Wyndham Clark. Tommy Fleetwood recorded 2 eagles and 4 birdies midway through his round and was staring at shooting 58 until 2 bogeys hindered his final round. Clark made a strong statement by hitting a fairway metal 282 yds. to 20 feet that put the tournament out of sight for all contenders. The NTSGA U.S. Open Pool was won by **Jim Yarbrough**, McIlroy (2)/Scheffler (3): \$225.00. 2nd Place: **Frank Arnold**, McIlroy (2)/Schauffele (T10): \$94.00. 3rd Place: Tie, **Bobby Tutor**, **Bucky Taylor**, **Tom McMahan**, **Frank Smith**, **Chris Arenas & Bill Roll**...all selected Scottie Scheffler (3)/Jon Rahm (T10): \$9.00. Selections for the next NTSGA Pot (British Open) can be made at Bridlewood on July 19th.

CONGRATULATIONS: JIM YARBROUGH

NTSGA TREASURER'S REPORT...

At a recent Board of Directors meeting, Treasurer **Terry Bell** reported monies held in the NTSGA Treasury:

Checking Acct.: \$22,656.80 Savings Acct.: \$51,450.20 Cash: \$300.00

Total: \$74,407.00 held by NTSGA

Members Balance (Bank) -\$39,549.38

NTSGA net worth: \$34,857.38



"Mental note, the yellow tank is helium."

From Jan.18, 2023 to June 21, 2023 the organization generated excess revenues of \$16,704. Treasurer **Terry Bell** initiated the Members Rewards Program and refunded each member \$8.00/rounds played and placed this money in each member's Bank account. He will also refund money Dec. 31 if excess revenues exist at the end of the year.

I hate it when I mean to buy seedless grapes but instead I accidentally get...well you know...Oreos

AGE SHOOTERS – JUNE...

Mike Barker 6/14 Tierra Verde 80 Jim Krause 6/14 Tierra Verde 73 Tom McMahan 6/14 Tierra Verde 81 Jim Rowley 6/14 Tierra Verde 80 LeRoy Worm 6/14 Tierra Verde 90 Tom McMahan 6/21 Texas Star 81 Wayne Mueller 6/21 Texas Star 74 Dave Patrick 6/21 Texas Star 70 Elliott Prater 6/21 Texas Star 78

SAD NEWS...

NTSGA member David Kneer's wife, Nancy passed away June 12th after a prolonged illness. Nancy was a high school cheerleader and an honor graduate from Kent State University earning a degree in Computer Science. She was employed by CitiCorp and CitiCapital. In addition, she was a very active community volunteer for many years, earning her the President's Volunteer Service Award from both President Bush and President Obama. Losing a spouse after 35 years of marriage is not easy and the entire North Texas Senior Golf Association sends condolences to David and the entire Kneer family. A Celebration of Life for Nancy was held June 21.

Rest in Peace, Nancy Kneer

PAIRINGS...

Tournament Chairman, **Rod Wells** spends a lot of time preparing the pairings for our tournaments. Beginning after noon, 2 days before the event, he makes the pairings. 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. Your name will not be on the new scorecard, but please make sure all four names on the card are the correct names that played the round together. Thank you.

FUNNY:

A group of South Carolina Hells Angel bikers were riding east on Hwy 378 when they saw a girl about to jump off the Pee Dee River bridge...so they stopped.

George, their leader, a big burly man of 53, gets off his Harley, walks through a group of gawkers, past the State Trooper who was trying to talk the young girl down off the railing and says, "Hey Baby...whatcha doin' up there on that railing?"

She says tearfully, "I'm going to commit suicide!!"

While he didn't want to appear "sensitive", George also didn't want to miss this be-a-legend opportunity either, so he asked..."Well, before you jump, Honey Babe...why don't you give ol' George here your best last kiss?"

So, without hesitation at all, she leaned back over the railing and did just that. It was a long, deep, lingering kiss followed immediately by another even better one.

After they breathlessly finished, George gets a big thumbs-up approval from his biker-buddies, the onlookers and even the State Trooper, and then says, "Wow! That was the best kiss I have ever had! That's a real talent you're wasting there, Suger Shorts. You could be famous if you rode with me on my motorcycle. Why are you committing suicide?"

"My parents don't like me dressing up like a girl."

...authorities are still unclear whether she jumped or was pushed off the bridge!