

NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2023

- Only 1 more tournament starting at 8:00. Beginning with the Tierra Verde tournament on Nov. 8, start times will be 8:30 until March 2024. For the 8:30 start times, the check-in table will close at 8:00.
- There are 4 tournaments remaining on our schedule, with the possibility of adding 3 more.

BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER:

Chuck Adami 11 th	Mike Brown 30 th	Bob Kenyon 12 th	Bob Mandula 6 th
Gary Mitchell 5 th	Randy Nicholson 18 th	Andy Parker 7 th	Dan Pecenka 23 rd
Ken Pittman 13 th	Paul Price 17 th	Trae Richburg 9 th	Prasun Shah 15th
Blake Shaw 28 th	John Shrode 26 th	Parkash Vanjani 17 th	

OCTOBER TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Oct. 4 Watters Creek	103	80%	Rick Steeno 72	Bob Duty 68 Carlos Gaona 68
Oct. 11 Tangleridge	102	79%	Rick Steeno 72 John Traver 72	Bob Duty 64
Oct. 18 Irving G.C.	107	83%	Ray Kennedy 74	Jay Bengston 67
Oct. 25 Iron Horse	78	60%	Rob Ruth 71 Jack Whitling 71	Jim Shrewsbury 66 Jim Staron 66

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PUN INTENDED:

Water is heavier than Butane, because Butane is a lighter fluid!

NEXT 3 TOURNAMENTS...

Nov. 1 Grapevine 8:00

Nov. 8 Tierra Verde 8:30

Nov. 15 Sky Creek Ranch 8:30

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

Nov. 1 Grapevine (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.

Nov. 8 Tierra Verde (Arlington) 817-478-8500; 7005 Golf Club Dr. Take I-20 west past Hwy 360, turn south on Hwy 287 towards Mansfield for approx. 2½ miles, exit at Eden Road (2nd exit south of I-20). At stop sign turn right for ½ mile. Left turn at entrance to Martin Luther King Sports Center. Second driveway on left leads into clubhouse.

Nov. 15 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.

READING MATERIAL:

The Board of Directors has recently made small alterations and pen/ink changes to some of the paragraphs of the NTSGA Constitution and By-Laws. You can access these changes on the website: ntsga.org under the Constitution and By-Laws tabs. You may also contact **Director Tom McMahan** who will be distributing hard copies at our tournament sites.

SAD NEWS:

Former member, Buster Sanders passed away on Oct. 19. Buster played golf with NTSGA from 2004 to 2021. Upon graduation from Abilene Christian College, Buster established himself in the business world working in the Dry Cleaning, Heating/Air Conditioning and Printing businesses. In addition, Buster was a Department Store manager and a franchise owner of a Dunkin' Donuts store. Buster was a friend to many.

Rest in Peace, Buster Sanders.

HOLE-IN-ONE...ELLIOTT PRATER

Loyal, eighteen year member **Elliott Prater** made the second hole-in-one of his golfing career on Sept. 27 at Bear Creek G.C. (East course). This is the fourth hole-in-one made by NTSGA members in 2023. Witnessing Elliott's great shot were playing partners Tom McMahan, Dick Fargo and Harry Schmidt, aka...Tom, Dick & Harry! **Elliott** hit his five iron exactly 150 yards as his shot trickled into the 3rd hole cup. **Elliott** also made his first hole-in-one while playing with NTSGA in 2010 as he aced #12 at WestRidge. **Elliott** was born and raised in Texas growing up near the oil fields in Texas and Oklahoma. He graduated from high school in Wichita Falls followed by 4 years at Texas Tech in Lubbock...Go Raiders! He graduated with an Accounting degree and went to work for Ernst & Young which provided audit, tax, financial and business advisory services to a wide range of business industries. During this time **Elliott** also filled the Executive position of Chief Financial Officer of several hospitals.



NTSGA is happy to add \$200.00 to **Elliott's** Bank and he will also receive a watercolor painting drawn for him by gifted watercolor artist, member **Wayne Mueller**.

CONGRATULATIONS, ELLIOTT PRATER!

DIRECTIONS:

Several members have mentioned that perhaps it is a waste of time, money and ink to publish "Directions to Golf Courses" in the newsletter, since most all members now utilize GPS to guide them to the courses. If you have any feelings toward this subject, I'd like to hear from you...pfahs57@yahoo.com or 972-243-3450.

CTP MARKERS...

At Iron Horse, the 15B pairing neglected to pick up the CTP marker on Hole #14 at the conclusion of their round. When this happens, a Scoring Committee member must ride all the way to the hole to retrieve the marker. The final tournament results are delayed until the CTP winner's name is entered into the computer. A reminder (highlighted in yellow) is on all the scorecards when a marker is needed to be picked up and brought to the Scoring Committee. Please pay attention to this small task.

THANKS:

The golf course staff members at Iron Horse were very appreciative of the NTSGA members who indulged in breakfast and lunch preparations prior to and after the round of golf. Small gestures like that go a long way in advancing the favorable name of NTSGA.

AGE SHOOTERS – OCTOBER:

Butch Vaut 10/4 Watters Creek 78

Jim Krause 10/11 Tangleridge 79

Tim Strobel 10/11 Tangleridge 79

Dave Patrick 10/25 Iron Horse 72

I have an idea for a chain
of Elvis steak houses.
It will be for people who
love meat tender.

FUNNY...

A man boarded an airplane and took his seat. As he settled in, he glanced up and saw the most beautiful woman boarding the plane. He soon realized she was heading straight toward his seat. As fate would have it she took the seat right beside his. Eager to strike up a conversation he blurted out. "Business trip or pleasure?"

She turned, smiled and said. "Business, I'm going to the Annual Nymphomaniacs Convention in Boston."

He swallowed hard. Here was the most gorgeous woman he had ever seen sitting next to him and she was going to a meeting of nymphomaniacs!

Struggling to maintain his composure, he calmly asked. "What's your business at this convention?"

"Lecturer" she responded. "I use information that I have learned from my personal experiences to debunk some of the popular myths about sexuality." "Really?" he said. "And what kind of myths are there?"

"Well, she explained. "One popular myth is that African-American men are the most well-endowed of all men, when in fact it is the Native American Indian who is most likely to possess that trait. Another popular myth is that Frenchmen are the best lovers, when actually it is men of Mexican descent who are the best. I have discovered that the lover with absolutely the best stamina is the Southern Redneck."

Suddenly the woman became a little uncomfortable and blushed, "I'm sorry", she said. "I shouldn't really be discussing all of this with you. I don't even know your name."

"Tonto", the man replied. "Tonto Gonzales, but my friends call me Bubba."



Happy Thanksgiving to you and all of your families...

Phil