

NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 2024

- The Associations first Hole-in-One of 2024 was made last month by **Rusty Kasmeirsky**, see the write-up in this newsletter.
- If a shot ends up 3" directly in front of the hole on a par 3, re-position the spot 3" behind the hole to place the CTP marker. This will allow a well hit shot from subsequent golfers to possibly roll into the hole.
- The 2024 Open Championship Pot resulted in a three-way tie won by **Dan Bertschi, Gene Edmondson** and **Bill Roll**, see the write-up in this newsletter.
- Twelve year NTSGA member, **Gary Zimmerman** made a Hole-in-One while playing at the Firewheel Golf Course in June. It was **Gary's** 10th ace!!

BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST...

Howie Bacharach 9 th	Ron Cremer 3 rd	Gene Edmondson 22 nd	Dan Hartman 23 rd
Eddie Marshall 17 th	Tom McMahan 25 th	Jon Neff 21 st	Scott Newell 21 st
Tom Phillips 16 th	Joe Philpott 17 th	Matt Pohl 20 th	Jim Quinn 20 th
Jay Salem 18 th	Mike Seagram 24 th	Bucky Taylor 20 th	John Thompson 31 st
Ken Wagner 17 th	Mark Wilson 5 th	Greg Windsor 6 th	Jay Wojnas 6 th
Mark Worthey 30 th			

JULY TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
July 1 Lantana	114	89%	David Kneer 73	Steve Jones 70 Charlie Nye 70
July 3 Luna Vista	88	68%	Jack Whitling 69	Leroy Worm 68
July 10 Irving G.C.	Canceled, due to course scheduling conflict. Re-scheduled Oct. 9			
July 17 Fossil Creek	88	68%	Bill Jackson 73 Dave Patrick 73	Rick Wiley 65
July 24 Waterview	103	80%	Mike Jones 68	Tom Phillips 66
July 31 Tangleridge	118	92%	Butch Vaut 73 Jack Whitling 73	Murray Miles 65

PUN INTENDED

I went to the paint store to get thinner...it didn't work!

NEXT 4 TOURNAMENTS:

Aug 7 Texas Star 8:00
Aug.14 Waterchase 8:00
Aug 21 G.C. of Dallas 8:00
Aug 28 Watters Creek 8:00

**WHEN I GROW UP
I'D LIKE TO BE A
RETIRED LOTTERY
WINNER.**

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES:

Aug 7 Texas Star (Euless) 817-685-7888; 1400 Texas Star Pkwy. Take Hwy 183 (Airport Frwy) west, past the south entrance to DFW Airport. Exit at Hwy 10 West (it becomes Euless Blvd.) Continue on Hwy 10, passing Hwy 157 (Industrial Blvd.) for 1 more mile. Course entrance on left.

Aug 14 Waterchase (Arlington) 817-861-4653; 8951 Creek Run Rd. Take I-30 westbound, past the Rangers Ballpark and Cowboys stadium locations. 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 ¼ mile, left turn at Creek Run Rd., (alongside apt. complex), course ½ mile on left.

Aug 21 GC of Dallas (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.

Aug 28 Watters Creek (Allen) 972-517-7777; 7201 Chase Oaks Blvd. Drive I-75 (Central Expwy). Exit at Legacy Dr., turn west. At 2nd traffic light, (Chase Oaks Blvd) turn right. Course ½ mile on left.

How did doctors come to the conclusion that exercise prolongs life, when the rabbit is always jumping, but only lives for around two years. The turtle, however, doesn't exercise at all, lives over 200 years. Sooo, rest, chill, eat, play golf, drink and enjoy life!

CTP MARKERS...

Another Closest to the Pin marker was left on the finishing hole at Fossil Creek. This should never happen as there is a notation on the pre-printed scorecard to pick up the CTP marker upon completing the hole, since your foursome is the last foursome to play that hole. It just so happened that this particular par 3 hole was the furthest from the clubhouse and took a member of the Scoring Committee a lengthy time to drive out to the hole to retrieve the marker. This only delays the timely completion of the tournament results and entry onto the website. Please pay attention to the notation on the pre-printed scorecard regarding CTP marker retrieval. Thank you.

2024 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP POOL...

This year's Open Championship was played at the Royal Troon Golf Course in Troon, Scotland. Weather conditions were much different from the tournaments the pros were playing in the United States.

Turtleneck sweaters and thermal jackets had to be worn as a fierce wind and cold temperatures greeted the players on Day 1. NTSGA golfers made 68 combo selections in hopes their picks were the right selections to win the last major

tournament Pot of 2024. After all scores were submitted from Day 1, Englishman Daniel Brown led the way shooting a 65 in the tough weather conditions. Brown barely became eligible to play in the Open Championship by qualifying in his final attempt making the cut at the Scottish Open the week before the Championship. Popular selections made by NTSGA members included Scottie Scheffler, Ludvig Aberg, Rory McIlroy, Xander Schauffele, Bryson DeChambeau and Collin Morikawa.



Irish golfer, Shane Lowry took the weather in stride during Round 2 as golfers again faced cold, swirling winds coming off the Irish Sea. Upon completion of the round, nine of the top 20 players in the world missed the cut. The world's best players were trying to avoid the deep pot bunkers and clumps of gorse and many of the NTSGA selections would not be playing during the weekend including Rory McIlroy, Tommy Fleetwood, Bryson DeChambeau, Ludvig Aberg and Viktor Hovland.

The 3rd round weather was still causing problems for the world's best golfers fighting through cold temperatures, strong winds and an afternoon monsoon. Billy Horschel proved he could play in the wet weather conditions and led the field after Saturday's 3rd round by 1 stroke. Some players could not fathom the severe weather, while others thrived on adverse wet, windy elements. Xander Schauffele and Sam Burns were only 1 stroke from the lead. Scottie Scheffler was only 2 shots from the lead. Players were hitting driver into the par 3, 17th hole. The fierce wind conditions didn't bother Si Woo Kim on this 238 yard hole as he made the first hole-in-one on #17 ever made during 10 British Open tournaments played at Royal Troon. NTSGA members with horses still in the race included **Gene Lindsey, Bill Roll, Gary Mitchell, Dave Patrick, Dan Bertschi, Joe Ben Ramos, Roger Ball and Gene Edmondson.**

Xander Schauffele played steady golf on Sunday as weather conditions calmed and he bested the field by 2 strokes winning his 2nd major tournament of 2024. He also won the PGA Championship at Valhalla. There was a 3-way tie by NTSGA golfers in this year's Open Championship Pool. All selected Xander Schauffele and Scottie Scheffler and each pocketed \$113.00. The next major championship will be the 2025 Masters.

CONGRATULATIONS, DAN BERTSCHI, GENE EDMONDSON and BILL ROLL!

HOLE-IN-ONE...RUSTY KASMEIRSKY

Five year member, **Rusty Kasmeirsky** recorded the 1st hole-in-one for an NTSGA member during the 2024 golf season. His 3-iron shot traveled 185 yards over water to find the bottom of the cup on Hole #14 at Sky Creek Ranch on June 26. Witnessing **Rusty's** great shot were **James Standon**, new member **Steve Casselman** and guest **Ed Jones**. This was Steve's first round ever played with NTSGA.



Rusty is a native Texan growing up in Garwood, a small town near Houston. His family moved to Arkansas where he attended high school. Returning to Texas, **Rusty** graduated from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, with a Journalism degree. He has worked in Public Relations and was the owner of a Consulting firm dealing with Real Estate and Home Equities. He has been involved with broadcasting associates with the National Football League providing communication with the instant replay booth and selecting time slots for commercials during the games working closely with the New Orleans Saints for 16 years. NTSGA is happy to add \$200.00 to **Rusty's** Bank for his great Hole-in-One, in addition to having gifted watercolor artist, member **Wayne Mueller** paint a picture for **Rusty**.

CONGRATULATIONS, RUSTY KASMEIRSKY!

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

You can also call the Golf Course at the number listed in the Newsletter, under [Directions to Golf Courses](#).

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country!

INFORMATION:

NTSGA is a large golf organization with 230 members. There are Officers/Board of Directors positioned to answer any questions that may arise from the membership and these lines of communication are always open. Every January, each Board member's responsibilities are listed in the Newsletter:

On the website (ntsga.org) click on the Newsletter tab (the current newsletter is presented). Select Archives (in gray print). Click on the January 2024 newsletter. Scroll to page 7 where you'll find the Officers/Board Members and their areas of responsibilities with phone numbers and email addresses. These key personnel should be able to answer any questions brought forward by NTSGA members or guests.

AGE SHOOTERS: JULY

Jim Gawley 7/1 Lantana 83
Ken Wagner 7/1 Lantana 78
Tom McMahan 7/3 Luna Vista 81
Butch Vaut 7/3 Luna Vista 74
LeRoy Worm 7/3 Luna Vista 88
Ted Dunson 7/17 Fossil Creek 78
Wayne Mueller 7/17 Fossil Creek 80
Bob Wands 7/17 Fossil Creek 84
Gerald Gotcher 7/24 Waterview 79
Wayne Mueller 7/24 Waterview 78
Elliott Prater 7/24 Waterview 80
Jim Rowley 7/24 Waterview 81
Butch Vaut 7/24 Waterview 74
Bob Wands 7/24 Waterview 84
Mike Barker 7/31 Tangleridge 80
Wayne Mueller 7/31 Tangleridge 82
Butch Vaut 7/31 Tangleridge 73



What the heck map are they using??

LIV VOLUNTEERS:

Volunteers are being solicited to work at the LIV Tour Championship, Sept. 20-22. It will be played at the Maridoe Golf Club (Carrollton), with shotgun starts. If interested, contact the Coordinators at livgolfdallasvolunteers@outlyr.com Additional information can be obtained from Katie Blauw: kblauw@outlyr.com 616-914-2868.

Every time I use the word exercise...I wash my mouth out with chocolate!!

BUNKER PLAY:

The NTSGA Board of Directors has noticed that many bunker footprints are not being raked and smoothed. Most all golf courses contain bunkers. NTSGA and the golf course superintendents expect members to care for these bunkers after executing a sand shot. Enter the bunker from the low side (never on the face of the bunker). Take the rake with you into the bunker and lay it down parallel to your intended line of shot. After executing the shot, grab the rake and smooth the sand surface as you exit the bunker. If there are large holes from digging in while getting ready to hit, use the flat side of the rake to fill the holes, then turn the rake over and use the tines to smooth the sand with a forward and back direction as you back out of the bunker. Rake over other footprints that golfers carelessly left as they exited. Lay the rake down outside the bunker parallel to the fairway, never in front of a bunker. Some courses don't have rakes for their bunkers and in this case, smooth the footprints the best you can using your own shoes as you exit. NTSGA has explicit rules regarding standing water in bunkers and the procedure can be viewed under the website By-Laws tab, click on Rules of Tournament Play, Item #2. Thank you.

FUNNY...

Origin of the phrase: "You gotta be shittin' me!"

Well, it just so happens to have originated through the father of our Country, way back when George Washington was crossing the Delaware River with his troops. There were 33 (remember this number) in Washington's boat. It was extremely dark, storming furiously and the water was tossing them about.

Finally, Washington grabbed Corporal Peters (remember this name) and stationed him at the front of the boat with a lantern. He ordered Corporal Peters to keep swinging it, so they see where they were heading.

Corporal Peters, through driving rain and cold, continued swinging the lantern back and forth, back and forth.

Then a big gust of wind and a wave hit and threw Corporal Peters and his lantern into the Delaware. Washington and his troops searched for nearly an hour trying to find Corporal Peters, but to no avail. All of them felt terrible, for the corporal had been one of their favorite troops.

Sometime later, Washington and his troops landed on the other side, wet and totally exhausted. He rallied the troops and told them that they must go on.

Another hour later, one of his men said, "General Washington, I see lights ahead."

They trudged toward the lights and came upon a huge house.

What they didn't know was that this was a house of ill repute, hidden in the forest to serve all who came to the area.

General Washington pounded on the door, his men crowding around him.

The door swung open, and much to his surprise stood a beautiful woman. A huge smile came across her face, to see so many men standing there.

General Washington was the first to speak. "Madam, I am General George Washington and these are my troops. We are tired, wet, exhausted and desperately need warmth and comfort."

Again, the Madam looked at all the men standing there and with a broad smile on her face, said, "Well General, you have come to the right place. We can surely give you warmth and comfort. How many men do you have?"

Washington said, "Well, Madam, there are 32 of us without Peters."

And the Madam, heartbroken replied, "You gotta be shittin' me."

