

NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2024

- Happy New Year to all and here's hoping the weather is favorable for all of our tournaments in 2024.
- The organization's 5th Hole-in-one for 2023 was made by **George Miller**. See the write-up in this newsletter.
- Keep watching the website "Schedule tab" for the 2024 schedule.
- 2024 NTSGA annual dues will be extracted from your Bank on Jan. 1, 2024 by **Treasurer Rick Wiley**. If you don't have sufficient funds in your Bank, submit a check (\$60.00, payable to NTSGA) to Rick before Jan.1. If you're unsure as to your Bank balance, call Rick at 972-768-6011.
- Weekly tournament fees beginning Jan. 1 are \$50.00, guests pay \$40.00.
- Twenty new members join NTSGA this month. See their introductions in this newsletter.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR JANUARY...

Pete Archbold 31 st	Frank Arnold 29 th	Jalil Daneshfar 4 th	Mark Harwell 25 th
Armando Hinojos 19 th	Phil Hollings 15 th	Charles Johnson 16 th	John Jones 29 th
Art Krueger 5 th	Terry Latham 14 th	Jerry Morgan 24 th	Duane Peterson 26 th
Phil Sykes 4 th	John Vasquez 1 st	Marc Walker 28 th	Jim Wedberg 4 th
Jim Yarbrough 17 th			

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.

PUN INTENDED...

I once dated a girl who broke up with me because I only have 9 toes. She was Lack-toes intolerant!

DECEMBER TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Dec 6 Pecan Hollow	109	85%	Mike Jones 72	Mike Godbey 61

FUN FACTS FROM 2023:

Tournaments scheduled: 41

Tournaments Added: 5

Tournaments Canceled: 4

Tournaments Played: 42

Club Champions: **Jack Whitling** (Medalist) Back Tees 144

Butch Vaut Forward Tees 151

Holes-In-One: 5

Juan Bergara: Waterchase #12

Roger Ball: Bridlewood #8

Ron Cremer Buffalo Creek #12

Elliott Prater Bear Creek (East) #3

George Miller: Pecan Hollow #11

Total number of rounds played: 4893

Average players/round: 116

Average guests/round: 3

New members joining in 2023: 55

Most active golf months: August, September

Favorite courses (determined by members participating): Texas Star, Luna Vista, Bridlewood.

Senior Member: **LeRoy Worm** (91)

Longest Tenured Member: **Basil Greaves** (1998)

IRON MEN... played in over 40 tournaments:

Roger Ball

Gene Edmondson

Bob Kenyon

Dave Patrick

Rod Wells

Rick Wiley



NEXT 3 TOURNAMENTS:

Jan. 17 Buffalo Creek 8:30

Jan. 24 Watters Creek 8:30

Jan. 31 Tangleridge 8:30

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES...

Jan. 17 Buffalo Creek (Rockwall) 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.

Jan. 24 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.

Jan. 31 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 2nd 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.

AGE SHOOTERS: DECEMBER

Jim Krause Pecan Hollow 12/6 79

Butch Vaut Pecan Hollow 12/6 75

LeRoy Worm Pecan Hollow 12/6 90

Ok, so what's the speed of dark?

**Did you know on
the Canary
Islands there is
not one canary?
And on the
Virgin Isles?
Same thing - not
one canary there
either!**

SAD NEWS: Past President/Director Gene Edmondson's wife Debora, passed away on Dec. 5. Services for Debora will be Saturday, Jan. 6th at 2:00pm at Calvary Hill Cemetery. All are invited. Reception will follow at Debora's sister's home at 512 Monti Dr. in Lewisville.

Rest in Peace, Debora Edmondson

2024/25 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:



Front Row (L-R) President **Gerald Gotcher**, Vice President **Harry Walsh**, Past President **Roger Ball**, Secy./Membership Chm. **Phil Fahs**, Treasurer **Rick Wiley**.
Back Row (L-R) Tournament Chm. **Rod Wells**, Handicap Chm./Webmaster **Howie Bacharach**, Director **Greg Windsor**, Director **John Anderson**, Director **Tom McMahan**. (Absent) Director **Gene Edmondson**.

SLOW PLAY--

...Butch Vaut

When arriving at the first ball in the fairway, golfer #1 should select several clubs and prepare to hit his shot. The other golfer should drive away looking for his ball. Player #1 should be walking down the fairway after hitting his ball and be picked up by player #2 after he has hit his shot....Keep play moving!

ATTENTION: 75 & OLDER & HIGHER HANDICAPS...

Members 75 and older and members less than 75 with a handicap of 18 or above, have the opportunity to play from the first tees forward of the rest of the field. In an effort to ensure handicaps accurately reflect scores from different tees, the Handicap Committee must be aware of those members playing from the forward tees. If you meet the age/handicap requirement, and are playing from these forward tees, you must inform Handicap Chairman, Howie Bacharach. You can do so by emailing him at howardbacharach@gmail.com or calling him at 410-507-2932.

MORE SAD NEWS:

Former member Joe Minter's wife passed away Dec. 12.
Rest in Peace, Mary Minter.

HOLE-IN-ONE: GEORGE MILLER...

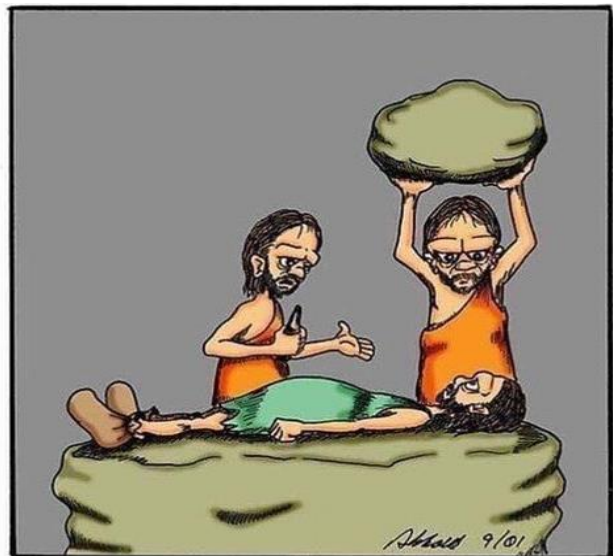
Fifteen year NTSGA member George Miller recorded the Association's fifth Hole-In-One of 2023 on Dec. 6th. It was George's first ever hole-in-one! Witnessed by playing partners President Roger Ball and Scott Daum, George hit his 9 iron exactly 121 yards into the 11th hole at Pecan Hollow. It is the only hole-in-one ever recorded on this hole by an NTSGA member during tournament play. George grew up in a farming community in southwest Oklahoma. Following high school, George graduated from East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma. After graduation, George served his country by fulfilling a 2 year military obligation in the U.S. Navy. He served on the Admirals staff aboard the USS Klondike and USS Jason, home ported in San Diego. Following George's Navy service, he returned to the greater Dallas area and became a middle school/high school educator for 53 years. His lengthy school affiliations allowed him to teach in and out of the classroom, coaching football and basketball at Mesquite High School. In the classroom, George taught classes in Business Law, Math, Typing and American History. NTSGA will add \$200.00 to George's Bank account, in addition to having gifted watercolor artist, member Wayne Mueller paint a picture for George.



CONGRATULATIONS, GEORGE MILLER!

ALMOST IRON MEN:

Played in over 35 tournaments:



"...and this is Ralph, your anesthesiologist."

Chris Arenas
Howie Bacharach
Ron Cremer
Bob Duty
Brad Goethals
Tom McMahan
George Miller
Gary Nelson
Joe Philpott
Jim Staron
John Traver

A guy walks into a lumberyard and asks for some 2x4's. The clerk asks "How long do you need them?" The guy answers, "A long time...we're going to build a house!"

NEW MEMBERS: JANUARY

THIS MORNING MY KID
SAID THEIR EAR HURT
AND I SAID ON THE
INSIDE OR OUTSIDE,
SO THEY WALKED OUT
THE FRONT DOOR,
CAME BACK IN & SAID
BOTH. MOMENTS LIKE
THIS GOT ME
WONDERING IF I'M
SAVING TOO MUCH
FOR COLLEGE..

Chuck Brockenbush - Colleyville
Ken Buck – Mesquite
Everett Byre – Lewisville
Jim Forrester – Mansfield
Bill Jackson - Van Alstyne
Daryl Laney – Ft. Worth
Bob McKenzie – Lewisville
Murray Miles – Ft. Worth
Morris Mitchael – Allen
Gilbert Moses – Oak Point
Duane Peterson – Allen
Dave Rohde- Gunter
Bobby Soles – McKinney
James Standon – Trophy Club
Robbie Stephens – Rowlett
Jeff Taylor – Keller
John Umberger – Dallas
Jim Wedberg – Carrollton
Mike Weishaar – Anna
Mike Wolinski – Ft. Worth

CREDIT CARDS:

You are able to pay for your round by credit card in advance by following the top menu path "**Next Round --> Express Check In**" from our website (www.ntsga.org). You will be prompted for your Member Password, which is the first four letters of your last name in lower case followed by mmdd of your birthday (ex: hoga0813). Choose "**Electronic Payment**" to pay by Square (or Apple Pay or Google Pay if you are using your phone or tablet). If you prefer **PayPal** or **Venmo**, choose one of those. NOTE: The payment vendor's service fee will be added to your payment - \$2.10 by Square/Apple/Google, \$2.68 by PayPal/Venmo. If you are **exempt from green fees** at a particular course (ex: marshal or club member), check the box indicating so and you will only be charged for your prize fee. Once you have sufficient funds in your **Member Account** from winnings, you will also be able to pre-pay for a round from your account balance. You will be notified by e-mail that your Express Check In has been completed. Although you will not have to pay at the tournament, our Tournament Chairman Rod Wells asks that you quickly stop by the check in table to let him now you are there.

Any questions regarding this procedure should be directed to Handicap Chairman/Webmaster: Howie Bacharach.

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IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING...

Anything pertaining to the overall operation of the Association contact:

PRESIDENT GERALD GOTCHER
grgotcher@yahoo.com
972-965-6962

Anything pertaining to your NTSGA Bank balance, prize money distribution, receiving a check for bank withdrawals and annual Banquet information, contact:

TREASURER RICK WILEY
rick.wiley@verizon.net
972-768-6011

Anything pertaining to Newsletters, Association correspondence, Constitution, By-Laws, roster information changes, prospective member waiting list, archive records from previous years, closest to the pin questions, new members, holes-in-one and annual election of Officers and Directors, contact:

SECRETARY/ MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN PHIL FAHS
pfahs57@yahoo.com
972-243-3450

Anything pertaining to tournament sign-ups, annual schedule, weekly pairing sheet, tournament check-in, member participation, course tee markers, excessive sign-ups/drops and future golf courses, contact:

TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN ROD WELLS
wellsrod00@gmail.com
214-629-6707

Anything pertaining to the NTSGA website, handicap computation, tournament flight results, individual rounds played, scorecards, age shooters, 2-man team results, text messages, contact:

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