NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 2024

- Thanks to all of the mudders who played the tournament at Waterchase. Rain greeted us early and then skies turned sunny and blue.
- Frank Arnold & Joe Ben Ramos won the US Open Championship NTSGA Pot. See the write-up in this newsletter.
- Six month member, **Bill Jackson** shot a sizzling 66 at Grapevine!!
- Seventeen new members join NTSGA this month. See their introductions in this newsletter.

BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY

Steve Arning 21st Bert DeLawyer 27th Frank Holomshek 22nd Mike Jones 13th Jerry Neel 7th David Tovar 30th

Roger Ball 13th Gerald Gotcher 19th Bobby Soles 9th Kevin Vines 6th

Bob Bruner 22nd Ronnie Green 11th *Rusty Kasmeirsky 4th George Stacy 22nd Bob Wands 23rd

Kelly Davis 24th Bert Hayslip 5th Larry Kimberlin 1st Chris Stokes 25th Rick Wiley 24th

JUNE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION...

June 5 Waterchase	Players 99	Percentage of full field 77%	Low Gross David Kneer 71	Low Net Ken Blincow 70 Mike Hendrix 70
June 12 Grapevine	127	99%	Bill Jackson 66	David Bruner 63
June 19 Buffalo Creek	128	100%	Mike Jones 69	Bobby Tutor 62
June 26 Sky Creek Rand	ch 109	85%	Mike Jones 69	Danny Millaway 76

NEXT 6 TOURNAMENTS...

July 1 Lantana (Lantana) 8:00 July 3 Luna Vista (Dallas) 8:00 July 10 Irving Golf Club (Irving) 8:00 July 17 Fossil Creek (Ft. Worth) 8:00 July 24 Waterview (Rowlett) 8:00 July 31 Tangleridge (Grand Prairie) 8:00 Thinking back to when "a new hip joint" meant someplace I wanted to go on Friday night.

^{*}Fireworks, balloons and air shows greet Rusty Kasmeirsky on his birthday, as it falls on the 4th of July!!

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES:

July 1 <u>Lantana</u> (Lantana) 940-728-4653; 800 Golf Club Dr. Drive north on I-35E (Stemmons Frwy) past Lewisville. Exit at FM407 (Justin Road) Exit #454A. At the traffic light, turn left and continue west for 6 miles. Turn right at Lantana Trail (2nd water tower and traffic light); drive 1.2 miles (divided road), turn right at Golf Club Dr., leads to clubhouse.

July 3 <u>Luna Vista</u> (Dallas) 214-670-6322; 11223 Luna Rd. Drive to I-35E (Stemmons Frwy). Exit at Royal Lane. Drive west 1.1 miles (traffic light). Turn left (Luna Rd.), drive .4 mile, course entrance on right.

July 10 <u>Irving Golf Club</u> (Irving) 972-457-0772 2000 E.Shady Grove Rd. Drive I-35E, bear right to get on Loop 12 South towards Irving. Pass Hwy 183 and drive 2 ½ miles south. Exit at Shady Grove, turn left, course entrance on right.

July 17 Fossil Creek (Ft. Worth) 817-847-1900; 3401 Clubgate Dr. Drive Hwy 183 W, transition to 820 W., exit at North Beach, Right turn. Drive to 3rd traffic light, (Fossil Creek Blvd.) Turn left, drive approx. 1.2 miles, right turn at Sandshell Dr. Club approx. ½ mi. on right. Or...take Geo Bush Turnpike to Hwy 183 West (Airport Frwy) towards Ft.Worth. Drive approx 11 miles, transition to 820 West and drive another 6 miles to I-35<u>W</u>. At I-35W drive north, and take the 1st exit (Western Center Blvd). Take the 1st quick exit at Sandshell Dr. (Chili's Rest. on right) Course entrance .2 miles on left.

July 24 <u>Waterview</u> (Rowlett) 972-463-8900; 9509 Waterview Pkwy. Drive the Geo. Bush Turnpike east through Garland, past hwy 78/past the Firewheel Mall. Exit at Merritt/Liberty Grove Connector. At <u>2nd</u> stop sign (Liberty Grove), turn left. Drive 1.7 miles. Turn left at Waterview Pkwy, leads to golf course on left. If driving through downtown Dallas on I-30, proceed east of LBJ Frwy (635), Garland, and exit at Geo Bush Turnpike (north). Exit the Turnpike at Lakeview Pkwy/Main St. /Hwy 66. Stay on the Service Road, passing Main St., passing Hwy 66 for another 1.4 miles. Turn right at the stop sign (Liberty Grove). Drive 1.7 miles. Turn left at Waterview Pkwy, leads to golf course on left.

July 31 <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 I20) 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 – JUNE

Mike Barker 6/5 Waterchase 81 **Ted Dunson** 6/5 Waterchase 80 David Kneer 6/5 Waterchase 71 **Ted Dunson** 6/12 Grapevine 80 Jim Gawley 6/12 Grapevine 7 Jim Krause 6/12 Grapevine 72 Gene Lindsey 6/12 Grapevine 81 Tom McMahan 6/12 Grapevine 82 Wayne Mueller 6/12 Grapevine 82 Butch Vaut 6/12 Grapevine 72 Jim Krause 6/19 Buffalo Creek 79 Tom McMahan 6/19 Buffalo Creek 79 Wayne Mueller 6/19 Buffalo Creek 79 Ben Robinson 6/19 Buffalo Creek 86 Jim Rowley 6/19 Buffalo Creek 76 Rob Ruth 6/19 Buffalo Creek 70 Jack Thompson 6/19 Buffalo Creek 77 Butch Vaut 6/19 Buffalo Creek 74 Bob Wands 6/19 Buffalo Creek 80 **Ted Dunson** 6/26 Sky Creek Ranch 76

NEW MEMBERS: JULY 2024

Frank Alvarado – Dallas Gary Cain – Lone Oak Ben Cambra - Trophy Club Steve Casselman - Dallas John Champion – Mansfield Jim Hall - Dallas **Dan Hartman** – Arlington Frank Holomshek - Nevada Johnny Kincaid – Dallas Francois Laubscher – Keller Randy Morgan – Dallas Randy Quay - Plano Jim Quinn – Dallas **Todd Ramage** – McKinney **Chuck Sloper** – McKinney Yuji Suzuki – Irving Jay Wojnas - McKinney



PUN INTENDED....

How much does a chimney cost? Nothing, it's on the house!

2024 US OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP POT:

The 2024 US Open Championship would be played on the famed Donald Ross designed Pinehust #2 course in the sand hills of North Carolina. The hottest player on the planet was Scottie Scheffler. In his last 8 tournaments he has won 5 and because of his stellar record, he was removed from consideration for the selections made by NTSGA members for this years US Open Championship. Other players playing very well lately, became favorite selections including Rory McIlroy, Xander Schauffele, Collin Morikawa, Bryson DeChambeau, Viktor Hovland and Ludvig Aberg.

This famed course would require precision shots to small rounded greens and after Day 1, Patrick Cantlay, Rory McIlroy, Ludvig Aberg and Bryson DeChambeau led the way. All four golfers were included in selections made by NTSGA golfers in this years US Open Championship Pool.

Rory McIlroy and Patrick Cantlay played Round 2, 5 strokes under par. This had thirteen NTSGA members happy as both players were selected to win. Players were hitting balls on the greens only to find them rolling down slopes into wiregrass bushes or into bunkers. Many favorite players missed the cut including Max Homa, Viktor Hovland, Tiger Woods, Jason Day, Justin Thomas and Rickie Fowler. SMU's own Bryson DeChambeau over-powered the course, hitting 340 yard drives and took the lead after the 3rd round. Rory McIlroy, Patrick Cantlay and Ludvig Aberg were

took the lead after the 3rd round. Rory McIlroy, Patrick Cantlay and Ludvig Aberg wer still within striking distance only 3 strokes behind. Weather conditions remained favorable for Round 4 as thousands of golf fans were on hand to witness the final round of a major tournament.

Bryson DeChambeau lead the field by 3 strokes with Patrick Cantlay, Rory McIlroy and Matthew Pavon in close pursuit. Rory McIlroy took command during the final round, making 4 birdies in a row after 13 holes and suddenly he had a 2 shot lead. Those 2 shots were soon gone as McIlroy missed two short putts and fell back into a tie with DeChambeau. Starting at the 18th hole, DeChambeau led by one stroke but hit his drive into the wiregrass bushes under a bushy tree. With a restricted back swing, he hit his shot into a bunker and still had 55 yards to get on the green. His stellar sand blast ended up 4 feet from the pin. He converted the putt and soon held the silver trophy annointing DeChambeau as the winner of the 2024 US Open Championship. Winning 1st place in the NTSGA Pot were **Frank Arnold** and **Joe Ben Ramos** each pocketing \$125.00 after selecting DeChambeau (1) & McIlroy (2). Second place won by: **Frank Smith, Jim Gawley, Bob Bruner** & **Frank Arnold**: DeChambeau (1) & Xander Schauffele (T7) and **Gene Lindsey**: McIlroy (2) & Matsuyama (6), all receiving \$33.00 each.

The final major championship of the year (The Open Championship) will be open for selections on July 17 at Fossil Creek.

CONGRATULATIONS: FRANK ARNOLD, JOE BEN RAMOS, FRANK SMITH, JIM GAWLEY, BOB BRUNER & GENE LINDSEY!

SLOW PLAY...

The one topic discussed at most of the Board meetings seems to be <u>SLOW PLAY</u>. There are still foursomes wandering in 1½ hours after the Scoring Committee has completed play, forcing the Committee members to wait a lengthy period of time to acquire all scorecards.

Sooo, let's try this...when the foursome putts out and returns to their carts with putter/clubs in hand, get in the carts and immediately drive to the next tee box. When arriving at the next tee box put the clubs that you are holding, back in the bag, draw the required club for the tee shot and walk to the tee. After the foursome has hit their tee shots, go directly to the cart, drive away and place the club back in the bag after arriving at the next shot.

Gentlemen, we have got to keep play moving. Six hour rounds are not acceptable. Please do your utmost to speed up play. Thank you.

WARM UP vs. PRACTICE:

Prior to a tournament, your warm-up time on the range should only be about 15-20 balls. You're not there for a lengthy practice session that should have been accomplished during the week other than Wednesday. You are on the range to get loose prior to playing 18 holes. At Grapevine, some members hit buckets of balls. This is rude and we ask members to be courteous of other members waiting to warm up prior to their round. Your goal isn't a lengthy practice session to hit several buckets of balls, but rather a warm up session designed to loosen some stiff muscles. Other members are waiting patiently to do the same thing. Thank you.

FUNNY...

It was entertainment night at the senior center and the Amazing Claude was topping the bill. People came from miles around to see the famed hypnotist do his stuff. As Claude went to the front of the meeting room, he announced, "Unlike most hypnotists who invite two or three people up here to be put into a trance, I intend to hypnotize each and every member of the audience."

The excitement was almost electric as Claude withdrew a beautiful antique pocket watch from his coat. "I want each of you to keep your eye on this antique watch, as it is a very special watch. It's been in my family for six generations."

He began to swing the watch gently back and forth while quietly chanting. "Watch the watch, watch the watch, watch the watch...."

The crowd became mesmerized as the watch swayed back and forth, light gleaming off its polished surface. Hundreds of pairs of eyes followed the swaying watch until; suddenly it slipped from Claude's fingers and fell to the floor, breaking into a hundred pieces. "SHIT!" said the hypnotist.

It took three days to clean up the senior center!