

# NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 2024

- Tournament start times will change to summer hours this month. Beginning with the tournament at the Golf Club of Dallas, start times will be 8:00. The Sign-in table closes at 7:30.
- Punxsutawney Phil might be on our side after all. He did not see his shadow on Feb. 2, remained above ground and promised warmer golf weather is coming soon.
- Seventeen new members join NTSGA this month. See their introductions in this newsletter.
- Throughout the years, NTSGA members have recorded 97 holes-in-one. Twenty eight of those members are still actively playing with the organization.

## BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH

Bob Duty 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mark Gadiant 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Hedge 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ray Hund</b> 13 <sup>th</sup>
Steve Jones 29 <sup>th</sup>	John Leal 30 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Loughmiller 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Bruce Mayberry</b> 13 <sup>th</sup>
Bob Mulligan 24 <sup>th</sup>	Charlie Nye 17 <sup>th</sup>	Simon Ordonez 8 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Parrack 24 <sup>th</sup>
Michael Peralta 16 <sup>th</sup>	Chuck Smith 7 <sup>th</sup>	Frank Smith 18 <sup>th</sup>	Scott Tritch 26 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Bobby Tutor</b> 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Walther 18 <sup>th</sup>		

## FEBRUARY TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION:

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Feb. 7 Pecan Hollow	127	99%	<b>Bill Jackson</b> 72 <b>Butch Vaut</b> 72	<b>Dan Bertschi</b> 63 <b>Dave Dudley</b> 63
Feb. 14 Waterchase	122	95%	<b>Dave Patrick</b> 73	<b>James Standon</b> 68
Feb. 21 Texas Star	128	100%	<b>Mike Jones</b> 75	<b>Ken Wagner</b> 69
Feb. 28 Bridlewood	118	92%	<b>Andrew Braun</b> 74	<b>Bill Lambert</b> 70

## SCORECARD PLAYOFFS....from NTSGA Scoring Committee

Each flight pays off 6 places and occasionally after computing net scores within the flights, 2 or more players are tied for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place money. These ties are resolved by the computer, comparing scorecards starting at Hole #18 and working in reverse order.

## PUN INTENDED...

Singing in the shower is fine until you get soap in your mouth...then it's a soap opera!

## NEXT 4 TOURNAMENTS:

Mar. 6 Tenison Park – Highlands 8:30  
Mar. 13 Golf Club of Dallas 8:00  
Mar. 20 Grapevine 8:00  
Mar. 27 Buffalo Creek 8:00

## DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES...

Mar. 6 Tenison Park-Highlands (Dallas) 214-670-1402; 3501 Samuell Blvd. Drive east of downtown Dallas on I-30, exit at Dolphin Rd., turn left, under I-30 for 1 block, right turn on Samuell Blvd. Then a left turn at Tenison Parkway, course entrance on right.

Mar. 13 Golf Club 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 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light (Red Bird Ln.) turn left, course entrance .1 mile on right.

Mar. 20 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.

Mar. 27 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.

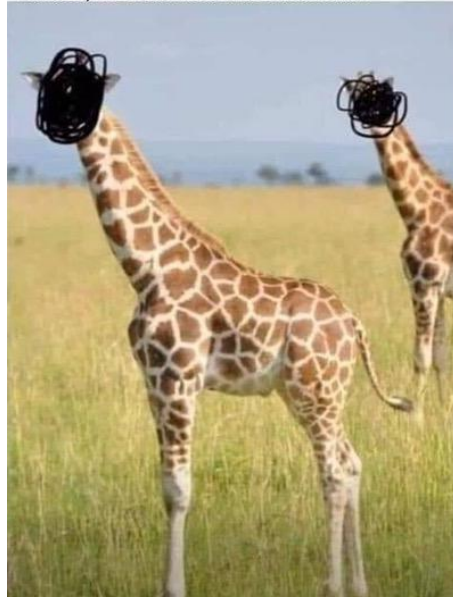
## DROPS:

With warmer weather and members anxious to play golf, we expect to have very active participation in our tournaments. When more than 128 members sign up to play, **Tournament Chairman Rod Wells** must randomly drop members to bring the number down to 128. Rod emails the member's who have been dropped, after he finalizes the pairing's (usually by 2 PM, 2 days before the event). If you are uncertain if you have been forced to sit out a tournament, check the website ([ntsga.org](http://ntsga.org)) on Monday night or sometime Tuesday...that's if the event is scheduled on Wednesday. Click on the Sign-Up tab, scroll down and click on "Next Round Sign-Up Lists". All sign-up names will be listed in alphabetical order. On the far right side in red, will be written "Dropped", if you have been excluded from that event. It is very easy to see if you are/are not scheduled to play in that tournament.

## NEW MEMBERS: MARCH

**Mark Acosta** – Hurst  
**Keith Androff** – McKinney  
**Craig Brooks** – Plano  
**Andrew Braun** – Emory, re-instated 3/1  
**Bert DeLawyer** - Ft. Worth  
**Ten Dunson** – Denton  
**Jim Gawley** – Lewisville  
**Mike Hedge** – Ft. Worth  
**Mike Hendrix** - Corinth  
**Dave Kinnamore** - Southlake  
**John Leal** – Plano, re-instated 3/1  
**Mike Massey** – Ft. Worth  
**Phil Mathura** - Rockwall  
**David Michel** - Dallas  
**Charlie Nye** – Dallas  
**Bill Roll** – Coppell, re-instated 2/1  
**Bobby Worthy** - Whitewright

Let's play *Guess the Animal*. To make it harder, I've blanked the faces out.



## FROM A FLIGHT ATTENDANT:

"We have a woman Captain and a female co-pilot flying this flight today...you are flying on an unmanned airplane!"

## AGE SHOOTERS: FEBRUARY

NEVER BE AFRAID TO  
TRY SOMETHING NEW.  
REMEMBER, AMATEURS  
BUILT THE ARK;  
PROFESSIONALS BUILT  
THE TITANIC.

**Jim Krause** 2/7 Pecan Hollow 79  
**Wayne Mueller** 2/7 Pecan Hollow 77  
**Jim Rowley** 2/7 Pecan Hollow 80  
**Butch Vaut** 2/7 Pecan Hollow 72  
**Ken Wagner** 2/7 Pecan Hollow 80  
**Bob Wands** 2/7 Pecan Hollow 83  
**Ken Wagner** 2/21 Texas Star 80  
**Jim Krause** 2/28 Bridlewood 76

I grew up with Steve Jobs, Johnny Cash and Bob Hope. Now there are no jobs, no cash and no hope...please don't let anything happen to Kevin Bacon!

## RULES REVIEW:

NTSGA golfers may improve their lie by 1 club length (using the longest club in the bag), but never closer to the hole. The ball must remain in the same cut of grass. If the ball is in the fringe of the green, it may be improved by 1 club length, but must remain in the fringe, no closer to the hole. If a ball trickles off the fairway into a pond or lake and is partially submerged in the water, it may be played out of the water as it lies (not a very prudent decision!) without a penalty stroke. Or, it may be lifted from the water and dropped 2 club lengths from its water position onto the grass, in line with where it entered the penalty area. The golfer will incur a 1 stroke penalty. The ball may also be lifted from the water and dropped anywhere along the line that the errant shot entered the water, going as far back as the golfer desires and dropping the ball (also incurring a 1 stroke penalty). The one club length rule can never be used to re-position a ball from the water's edge onto the fairway without incurring a 1 stroke penalty. The NTSGA Rules of Tournament Play are on the By-Laws tab of the NTSGA website.



## FUNNY:

Six retired Irishmen were playing poker in O'Leary's apartment when Paddy Murphy loses \$500 on a single hand, clutches his chest and drops dead at the table. Showing respect for their fallen brother, the other five continue playing standing up.

Michael O'Connor looks around and asks, "Oh, my boys, someone's got to tell Paddy's wife. Who will it be?"

They draw straws. Paul Gallagher picks the short one. They advise him to be discreet, be gentle, don't make a bad situation any worse.

"Discreet??? I'm the most discreet Irishman you'll ever meet. Discretion is me middle name. Leave it to me."

Gallagher goes over to Murphy's house and knocks on the door. Mrs. Murphy answers and asks what he wants.

Gallagher declares, "Your husband just lost \$500, and is afraid to come home."

"Tell him to drop dead!" says Murphy's wife.

Gallagher replies, "I'll go tell him."

