

NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 2025

- **Butch Vaut** won the Open Championship Pot. 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.
- Four new members join NTSGA this month. See their introductions in this newsletter.
- We're sorry for the golf cart confusion at Grapevine. There was a mis-understanding with the Pro Shop.

BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST...

Howie Bacharach 9 th	Ron Cremer 3 rd	Gene Edmondson 22 nd	Derrell Geary 5 th
Greg Guajardo 29 th	Dan Hartman 23 th	Eddie Marshall 17 th	Tom McMahan 25 th
Murray Miles 9 th	Scott Newell 21 st	Tom Phillips 16 th	Matt Pohl 20 th
Jim Quinn 20 th	Rafael Rodriquez 10 th	Jay Salem 18 th	Mike Seagram 24 th
Bucky Taylor 20 th	John Thompson 31 st	Ken Wagner 17 th	Clete Welch 3 rd
George Whitaker 18 th	Greg Windsor 6 th	Jay Wojnas 6 th	Mark Worthey 30 th

You know you're a bad driver when Siri says, "In 400' stop and let me out."

JULY TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Gross
July 2 Grapevine	126	98%	Mike Jones 70 Jack Thompson 70	Mark Harwell 65
July 9 Sky Creek Ranch	106	82%	Jack Whiting 72	Gary Nelson 68
July 16 Bridlewood – Cancelled, due to scheduling conflict with course management.				
July 23 Tangleridge	128	100%	Ray Kennedy 71	Bobby Tutor 61
July 30 Waterchase	114	89%	John Leal 72 Dave Patrick 72	Bobby Soles 67

BBQ...

Remember, NTSGA member **Chef Auston** (401K BBQ) is offering a complimentary pulled pork or brisket sandwich to all NTSGA members during this year. His address is 4211 Charles St., Carrollton. Open: Thursday thru Saturday, 11:00 AM- 6:00 PM.

PUN INTENDED...

I was walking in the jungle and saw a lizard on his hind legs telling jokes. I turned to the local tribal leader and said, "That lizard is really funny!". The leader replied. "That's not a lizard. He's a stand-up chameleon."

NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS:

Aug 6 Grapevine 8:00

Aug 13 Irving GC 8:00

Aug 18 (Monday) Lantana 8:00

Aug 20 Watters Creek 8:00

Aug 27 Mansfield Nat'l 8:00

THE COPS JUST LEFT,
THEY SAID IF I WAS GONNA WALK
AROUND THE HOUSE NAKED,
I HAVE TO DO IT INSIDE.

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES...

Aug 6 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.

Aug 13 Irving GC (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.

Aug 18 Lantana GC (Lantana) (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.

Aug 20 Watters Creek (Allen) 972-517-7777; 7201 Chase Oaks Blvd. Drive I-75 (Central Expwy). Exit at Legacy Dr., turn west. At 3rd traffic light, (Chase Oaks Blvd) turn right. Course ½ mile on left.

Aug 27 Mansfield Nat'l (Mansfield) 817-477-3366; 3750 National Pkwy. Take I-20 westbound, exit at Hwy 360. Drive south approximately 8 miles. Exit at Heritage Pkwy. At the traffic light, turn left. Course straight ahead.

Never play leapfrog with a unicorn!

The Board of Directors is seeking nominees willing to serve on the NTSGA Board for 2026-2028. Contact **Secy/Membership Chm. Phil Fahs** (pfahs57@yahoo.com) if you would like your name placed on the ballot. Open positions are Vice President and Directors (4). The Vice President position is a 2-year term sequencing into a 2-year Presidential term. The Directors serve 2-year terms. The finalized ballot will be presented in the October newsletter. Voting will take place at the October tournaments.

2025 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP POT:

This year's Open Championship was played at Royal Portrush Golf Club in Northern Ireland. The overwhelming favorite by NTSGA golfers to win this championship was naturally, Ireland's favorite son, Rory McIlroy. This is where Rory grew up and he has played this tough links course many times. Seventy-seven selections were made by NTSGA members in hopes their combo selections would win the last major tournament of 2025. Because of Scottie Scheffler's superb record in 2025, he was taken off the selection board for this championship. Aside from McIlroy, other favorites included Jon Rahm, Xander Schauffele, Tommy Fleetwood and another Irish golfer, Shane Lowry. Weather conditions were very typical of Northern Ireland displaying sunshine, rain and gusty winds on Day 1. Only one player, (Matt Fitzpatrick) selected by NTSGA members was at the top of the leaderboard tied for the lead with four other golfers after the opening round. McIlroy struggled, but still was only 3 shots out of the lead. Scottie Scheffler hit only 3 of 14 fairways but scrambled well and was only 1 shot out of the lead. **Bob Eustice, Jalil Daneshfar** and **Gene Lindsey** were excited as they were the only NTSGA members having selected Matt Fitzpatrick as one half of their combo selections.



Day 2 began under rainy conditions, but the sun came out and the golfers' scores improved. Scottie Scheffler showed why he is the #1 golfer in the world, reeling off 8 birdies to take a slim lead over Fitzpatrick, Brian Harman and Hao-Tong Li. Only thirteen selections by NTSGA members were knocked out of contention as their selections missed the cut following round 2. Round 3 began under sparkling sunshine and could possibly allow many of the pros to make a move up the leaderboard. Even though Hao-Tong Li, Matt Fitzpatrick, Harris English, Chris Gotterup, Terrell Hatton and Rory McIlroy were playing great golf on this course, neither of them could get closer than 4 strokes from the leader Scottie Scheffler at the conclusion of Round 3.

Sunday's final round produced another gorgeous day for the golfers to shoot low scores. However, Scottie Scheffler kept the pedal to the metal and didn't let any of the competitors get closer than 4 strokes from him. SMU's own Bryson DeChambeau would have been in contention (to the delight of 8 NTSGA selections) in the end, had he not had a terrible opening round score of 78. He followed that round with rounds of 65-68-64 and tied for 10th place but could have been the closest pursuer to Scheffler on Sunday's round had he shot a better opening round. Scottie Scheffler proved to be the 2025 Champion Golfer of the Year winning this year's final major tournament by 4 strokes. The winner of this year's NTSGA Open Championship Pot was **Butch Vaut** selecting Chris Gotterup (3) & Rory McIlroy (T7): \$231.00. 2nd Place won by **Jalil Daneshfar**: Matt Fitzpatrick (T4) & Rory McIlroy (T7): \$96.00. 3rd Place (tie): **Chris Arenas, Russ Medlin, Bob Lewis, Gene Lindsey, Frank Smith and Roger Ball**: \$10.00 each. The next major NTSGA Pot will be the 2026 Masters.

CONGRATULATIONS, BUTCH VAUT!

AGE SHOOTERS: JULY

Ted Dunson 7/2 Grapevine 76
Ronnie Green 7/2 Grapevine 75
David Kneer 7/2 Grapevine 72
Jim Krause 7/2 Grapevine 82
Bill Manser 7/2 Grapevine 78
Wayne Mueller 7/2 Grapevine 78
Jim Rowley 7/2 Grapevine 82
Rob Ruth 7/2 Grapevine 71
Ben Sanford 7/2 Grapevine 74
Jack Thompson 7/2 Grapevine 70
Butch Vaut 7/2 Grapevine 77
Ted Dunson 7/9 Sky Creek Ranch 81
Jalil Daneshfar 7/30 Waterchase 75
Ted Dunson 7/30 Waterchase 76
Jim Gawley 7/30 Waterchase 84
Jim Krause 7/30 Waterchase 78
Dave Patrick 7/30 Waterchase 72
Jack Thompson 7/30 Waterchase 75

Yesterday my husband thought he saw a cockroach in the kitchen. He sprayed everything down and cleaned thoroughly. Today I'm putting the cockroach in the bathroom.



NEW MEMBERS – AUGUST

Kenny Johnson – Dallas
Barry Malone – Plano
Mark Schroeder – Carrollton
Russell Smeed - Northlake

DID YOU KNOW...

Because Arnold Palmer was the hot golfer on tour in the '60's, Karsten Solheim, founder of Ping set out to design a putter that would be competitive to Palmer's putting heroics. Karsten's wife, Louise said "If you're designing a putter to be an answer to Palmers putter, call it the "Answer". Karsten liked the idea, but the word answer was too long to fit on the new putter. He dropped the "w" and the Ping Anser was born. It has proven to be the most popular putter in PGA tour history.

Sign-In: It becomes a little chaotic during sign-in. This is a very busy time for me. I'd like you to limit the friendly visitation until after the round. It would work smoother if you checked in, got your hole assignment, paid the entry fee, continued down the table to the "skins" sign-up and 2-man team competition sign-up and planned on socializing later. Please be on time, remember sign-ups stop ½ hour before the advertized start time.

Thank you.

I renamed my toilet Jim instead of John. People are really impressed when I tell them I go to the Jim every morning.

SCORECARDS: NTSGA provides pre-printed scorecards for every foursome and places them in the appropriate cart prior to driving to the starting holes. Sometimes at the last minute, Tournament Chairman Rod Wells must move a golfer(s) to another foursome. Please ensure the names on the scorecard are correct for the four golfers in that foursome. The NTSGA Board of Directors treats our pre-printed scorecards as an official document recording the scores on each hole for all members of the foursome in line with USGA guidelines. These scores should be verified by another golfer in the foursome keeping a second scorecard to ensure the accuracy of the official scores. The card should then be signed by the scorekeeper and attested by another member of the foursome ensuring accuracy before submitting to the Scoring Committee. Submitted scorecards that lack 2 signatures, scores added incorrectly or a scorecard not submitted, will result in Disqualification of the foursome.

Two young boys walked into a pharmacy one day, picked out of box of tampons, and proceeded to the checkout counter.

The Pharmacist at the counter asked the older boy, "Son, how old are you?"

"I'm eight", replied the boy.

The Pharmacist continued, “Do you know what these are used for?”

The boy replied, "Not exactly, but they aren't for me, there for him. He's my younger brother, he's four."

“Oh really?” the Pharmist replied with a grin.

“Yes”, the boy said. “We saw on TV that if you use these, you would be able to swim, play tennis and ride a bike. Right now, my brother can’t do none of those things.”

