

# NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 2025

- Two Holes-in-One have been made recently by NTSGA golfers. See the write-ups in this newsletter.
- The Master's Pool ended in a 9-way tie. See the accompanying article in this newsletter.
- The PGA tour comes to the Metroplex this month...May 1-4 for the Nelson at Craig Ranch (McKinney) and May 22-25 in Ft. Worth for the Colonial.
- Selections for the PGA Championship Pool can be made at Bridlewood on May 14.

## BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY...

Rob Bennett 4 <sup>th</sup>	Frank Chavarria 17 <sup>th</sup>	Billy Cunningham 25 <sup>th</sup>	John Cychol 4 <sup>th</sup>
Phil Fahs 15 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Gawley 16 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Kinnamore 20 <sup>th</sup>	Roger Legge 9 <sup>th</sup>
Russ Manley 8 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Ries 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jim Staron 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Tim Strobel 21<sup>st</sup></b>
Ron Swanson 6 <sup>th</sup>			

## APRIL TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Apr. 2 Grapevine	126	98%	<b>Rob Ruth 72</b> <b>Rick Steeno 72</b>	<b>Mike Payne 58</b>
Apr. 9 Tierra Verde	128	100%	<b>Rob Ruth 72</b>	<b>Greg Denzer 68</b>
Apr. 16 Tenison (H'lands)	127	99%	<b>David Kneer 71</b> <b>Rob Ruth 71</b>	<b>Rick Van Meter 64</b>
Apr. 23 Country View	Canceled, due to weather.			
Apr. 30 The Bridges	Canceled, due to weather.			

**KEEP PLAY MOVING:** In the interest of preventing slow play:

Flagstick: A good rule of thumb is the first person to putt out should be the one to pick up the flag and replace it in the hole following the final hole out. Then the foursome can move smartly to the carts.

Observe: If it doesn't bother the person hitting the ball, stand behind him and carefully watch the flight of his ball. Not observing the flight of a drive or being aware of your playing partners shot, may be time consuming as you guess where the ball went and begin searching in unknown territory.

## PUN INTENDED...

Ran out of toilet paper and now using lettuce leaves. Today was just the tip of the iceberg, and tomorrow romaine's to be seen.

## NEXT 4 TOURNAMENTS:

May 7 Bear Creek (West) 8:00  
May 14 Bridlewood 8:00  
May 21 Watters Creek 8:00  
May 28 Country View 8:00

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If you read this the same way I did,  
then the internet has ruined you too.

## DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES...

May 7 Bear Creek (DFW Airport) 972-456-3200; 3500 Bear Creek Ct. Course is located on the southwest corner of DFW Airport. Drive the George Bush Turnpike south, towards Arlington. Prior to Hwy 183, exit at Walnut Hill Ln. Turn right. At 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light (Airfield Dr.) turn left. Drive 2.3 miles passing 4 traffic lights and overtop of the Airport spine road. Course entrance on left before the 5<sup>th</sup> traffic light.

May 14 Bridlewood (Flower Mound) 972-355-4800; 4000 W. Windsor Dr. Proceed north on I-35E, exit at FM1171/Main St. (Lewisville). Turn left (west), drive 5 ½ miles, right turn at Bridlewood Blvd. At 1<sup>st</sup> stop sign, turn right, course entrance on left.

May 21 Watters Creek (Allen) 972-517-7777; 7201 Chase Oaks Blvd. Drive I-75 (Central Expwy). Exit at Legacy Dr., turn west. At 3<sup>rd</sup> traffic light, (Chase Oaks Blvd) turn right. Course ½ mile on left.

May 28 Country View (Lancaster) 972-227-0995; 240 W. Belt Line Rd. Drive I-35E south, thru downtown Dallas. Continue 7 miles past Reunion Tower, exit at Belt Line Road, turn left, drive 4 miles, course entrance on right.

She just texted me and said I can still smell your Colon on my pillow...and that's why spelling matters!

**SCORECARDS:** It is the responsibility of one member of each foursome to deliver the completed scorecard to the Scoring Committee upon completion of the round. It must be signed by the scorekeeper and attested/signed by another member of the foursome. If no scorecard is received by the Scoring Committee, the foursome will be disqualified. Recently, a member was halfway home before he realized the scorecard was still in his pocket. He hurriedly returned to the course to turn in the card. It is not the responsibility of the Scoring Committee to dumpster dive for a missing scorecard or make phone calls to inform the foursome that their scorecard has yet to be received.

Sometimes the entered score is 6 and should be a 5, so the scorekeeper enters a darkened 5 over the 6, or changes a 3 to a 4 by a darkened 4 over the 3. The Scoring Committee should not have to decipher the correct score...surely one member of the foursome has a pencil with an eraser, so the incorrect score can be erased and the correct score legibly written. Attention to this small detail would be appreciated.

Thank You.

## HOLE-IN-ONE: JON TRAVER...

Four year NTSGA member, **Jon Traver** recorded the first Association Hole-In-One of 2025 at Tangleridge on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. Hitting his sand wedge 112 yards, Jon's ball rolled into the cup on Hole #12, recording the 4<sup>th</sup> Hole-In-One of his career. Playing partners witnessing Jon's great shot were **John Leal, Jim Staron** and **Jack Whitling**. It may be luck or pure coincidence that all four members of that foursome have first names beginning with the letter "J". Jon grew up in Ft. Worth attending local schools, then traveled across the Metroplex enrolling at SMU and became a member of the Mustangs' golf team. Following a couple years at SMU, Jon transferred to the University of St. Francis outside of Chicago in Joliet, Illinois. Graduating from St. Francis with a Business Administration degree, Jon ventured into the Commercial and Residential Real Estate market and now works full time as the Owner/Senior Loan Officer of the Traver Group Mortgage and Real Estate Company. He takes Wednesday's off so he can play golf with NTSGA and is a valued member maintaining a 3 handicap with the Association. In addition to his vast golf accomplishments, Jon is a very avid bowler in the Plano/Allen leagues possessing a 225 bowling average. He has rolled over 20 perfect games! He came within 2 pins of bowling a 300 perfect game on the same day he made one of his 4 holes in one.



NTSGA is happy to add \$200.00 to Jon's Bank for his great Hole-in-One, in addition to having gifted watercolor artist, member **Wayne Mueller** paint a picture for Jon.

## CONGRATULATIONS, JON TRAVER!



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## AGE SHOOTERS: APRIL

**Chris Arenas** 4/9 Tierra Verde 75  
**Wayne Mueller** 4/9 Tierra Verde 80  
**Butch Vaut** 4/9 Tierra Verde 77  
**Pete Archbold** 4/16 Tenison Park 81  
**Jalil Daneshfar** 4/16 Tenison Park 76  
**David Kneer** 4/16 Tenison Park 71  
**Tom McMahan** 4/16 Tenison Park 84  
**Rob Ruth** 4/16 Tenison Park 71

One day the first grade teacher was reading the story of Chicken Little to her class. She came to the part of the story where Chicken Little tried to warn the farmer. She read...and so Chicken Little went up to the farmer and said, "The sky is falling, the sky is falling!"

The teacher paused, and then asked the class, "and what do you think the farmer said?" One little girl raised her hand and said, "I think the farmer said, "Holy Shit, a talking chicken!"

## 2025 MASTERS POOL...

The 2025 Masters tournament got underway with beautiful weather conditions including crystal blue skies, sunshine and light winds. The overwhelming favorite of all the NTSGA members' selections was the worlds #1 player, Scottie Scheffler. Other popular picks included Bryson DeChambeau, Colin Morikawa, Ludvig Aberg, Rory McIlroy and Xander Schauffele. Thirty selections were for Scheffler, but the key was selecting the correct combo player to pair up with Scottie. Ludvig Aberg, Corey Connors and Scheffler completed their first rounds at 4 under par; however, all trailed the leader 44 year old Justin Rose. Rose recorded a sparkling 7 under 65 to lead the Masters field after Round 1. NTSGA member **Joe Bob Wheeler** was the only member to select Rose as one half of his combo selection.



Justin Rose continued to play error-free golf during Friday's second round, however, closing in on his lead were Bryson DeChambeau, Rory McIlroy and Corey Connors. Sadly, 14 NTSGA selections would not be in contention during the weekend as 7 selected players missed the cut after the second round including Brooks Koepka, Cam Smith, Sergio Garcia, Will Zalatoris and Tony Finau.

Round 3 began with Justin Rose still on top by only a single shot over Bryson DeChambeau. Then from 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Rory McIlroy roared to the top spot by setting a Masters record, carding 6 straight "3's" to begin his Saturday round. This excited 28 NTSGA members as McIlroy was ½ of their combo selections. These members were hopeful that they had selected the correct combination to win this year's Masters Pool. Weather conditions remained favorable as many birdies were made by this year's competitors. McIlroy stayed in contention by hitting quality shots, but was being chased by Bryson DeChambeau hitting booming drives and sinking long putts. At the conclusion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> round McIlroy led the field by 2 strokes over DeChambeau, 4 strokes over Connors and 6 strokes over Aberg and Patrick Reed. Excitement was at a peak at the NTSGA households of **Mike Vestal, Dan Bertschi, Gene Lindsey, Brad Mink, LeRoy Worm** and **Frank Smith** as their selections for this year's Masters Pool were near the top of all the selections. Sunday's final round promised to be thrilling as 8 players were within 7 strokes of the lead including defending champion Scottie Scheffler. McIlroy stumbled out of the gate and by the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole DeChambeau had a 1 stroke lead. Scheffler and Aberg were playing good golf, but at the turn, McIlroy led by 4 strokes. His lead quickly disappeared when he double bogeyed 13. Justin Rose finished his round 4 groups ahead of DeChambeau and McIlroy and waited near the clubhouse for the final group to finish. McIlroy missed a short putt on 18 forcing a sudden death playoff with Justin Rose. He made a clutch birdie putt on the first playoff hole in front of a huge assemblage of Masters patrons and gorgeous Augusta weather to win the 89<sup>th</sup> playing of the Masters Tournament. Rory now joins the elite field of 5 other golfers who have won the Career Grand Slam.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** Russ Manley, Gene Edmondson, Ron Cremer, Russ Medlin, Jim Yarbrough, Paul Price, Frank Smith, Tim Strobel and Roger Legge, winners of the Masters Pot, all pocketing \$44.00.

Jim grew up in Pittsburgh, PA attending local schools. Following high school, Jim entered the US Air Force serving proudly for 4 years. He received Aviation Mechanic Technical training in Denver followed by 3 ½ years attached to the 36th Maintenance Squadron at Edwards, California, east of Los Angeles. Edwards is the home of the Air Force Test Pilot School and the Air Force Operations Test & Evaluation Center. Jim's aviation mechanical training led him to an assignment at the 36th Maintenance Dept. in support of the SR-71, F-15, F-22, B-52, C-130 and other aircraft. Following Jim's Air Force enlistment, he graduated from the Pittsburgh School of Aeronautics and was hired by USAir/American Airlines serving as a flight attendant and aircraft maintenance technician culminating in a 42 year career as an aircraft mechanic.

# CONGRATULATIONS, JIM SHREWSBURY!

In the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries everything was transported by ship. Manure was used as fertilizer (this was before the invention of commercial fertilizers), and large shipments of manure was quite common. It was shipped dry because in that form it weighted much less than when wet. However, while at sea, water would enter the hold of the ship and come in contact with the manure. Not only did the manure become heavier but the chemical process of fermentation began, which in turn, produced methane gas. With the manure being stowed in bundles below decks you can see what could, and often did occur. Methane gas would begin to build up and the first time a sailor, carrying a lantern, would go below decks at night to check on the lode...**KA-BOOM!**

You probably did not know the true history of this word...neither did I. I always thought it was a golf term!!

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