

NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

- **President Gerald Gotcher** writes an article regarding our scorecards to all members. Read the article in this newsletter.
- **Secy./Membership Chm. Phil Fahs** is still accepting nominees willing to serve on the Board of Directors from 2026-2028.
- **Tournament Chairman Rod Wells** will start preparing for next year's tournaments by contacting area golf courses. If there is a course(s) around the Metroplex that you would like him to research, email him at wellsrod00@gmail.com
- **Rick Steeno** shot a sparkling **64** at the Irving Golf Club.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR SEPTEMBER

Jay Bengston 3 rd	Dan Bertschi 28 th	Scott Daum 20 th	Gary Delcambre 5 th
Carlos Gaona 27 th	Steve Horner 24 th	Pete Huff 13 th	Bill Jackson 24 th
David Kemp 9 th	Charlie Lopez 10 th	David Martin 13 th	Phil Mathura 30 th
George Miller 30 th	Glenn Miyashita 28 th	Dave Patrick 19 th	Jerry Powlen 12 th
Rob Ruth 4 th	Jim Shrewsbury 23 rd	Rick Steeno 22 nd	

AUGUST TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Aug. 6 Grapevine	129	101%	Rob Ruth 72	Steve Jones 68
Aug. 13 Irving GC	129	101%	Rick Steeno 64	John Champion 62
Aug. 18 Lantana	110	85%	Mike Jones 70	Steve Lamb 65
Aug. 20 Watters Creek	109	85%	Bill Jackson 70	Bobby Tutor 66
Aug. 27 Mansfield Nat'l	98	76%	Mark Worthey 71	Gene Edmondson 65

MUDDERS:

Thanks to all of the members who stuck it out at Watters Creek on Aug. 20. We waited out the rain, thunder and lightning, finishing the round in sunshine. Many thanks to all of the members who stayed the course and completed the soggy round.

PUN INTENDED...

I tried to come up with a carpentry pun that woodwork. I thought I nailed it but nobody saw it.

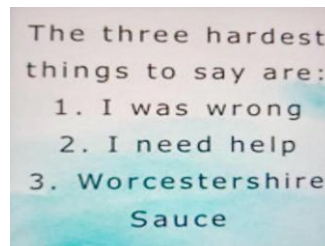
NEXT 4 TOURNAMENTS:

Sept. 3 Tierra Verde 8:00

Sept. 10 Bridges G.C. (Gunter) 8:00 **Hot Dog lunch provided

Sept. 17 Twin Creeks 8:00

Sept. 24 Buffalo Creek 8:00



DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES...

Sept. 3 Tierra Verde (Arlington) 817-478-8500; 7005 Golf Club Dr. Take I-20 west past Hwy 360, turn south on Hwy 287 towards Mansfield for approx. 2½ miles, exit at Eden Road (2nd exit south of I-20). At stop sign turn right for ½ mile. Left turn at entrance to Martin Luther King Sports Center. Second driveway on left leads into clubhouse.

Sept. 10 Bridges G.C. (Gunter) 903-696-0022; 2400 Fred Couples Dr. Drive I-75 north. Exit at FM121 (Van Alstyne – Exit #51). Turn left (west) Drive 7.4 miles. Course entrance on left, follow signs to clubhouse OR from the Geo. Bush Freeway & Preston Rd. (Hwy 289) drive north on Preston Road thru Prosper, thru Celina to Gunter (32 miles). Turn right on Main St. (the road makes a few 90 degree turns). Golf Course entrance is on the right, drive to clubhouse.

Sept. 17 Twin Creeks (Allen) 972-390-8888; 501 Twin Creeks Dr. Take I-75 (Central Expy) north to Allen. Exit at McDermott, left turn (west) for 1½ miles. Right turn on Twin Creeks Drive, leads to Club on left.

Sept. 24 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 the 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.

Dear Paranoid people who check behind their shower curtains for murderers. If you do find one, what's your plan?

NTSGA BANK MONEY:

Winnings from flight payouts, Closest to the Pin and Holes-in-One are placed in members' NTSGA Bank, maintained by **Treasurer Rick Wiley**. Individual Bank balances can be viewed at the check-in table at all of our tournaments. These winnings can be used for tournament green fees providing a minimum of \$60.00 is in the member's bank. Partial or full amounts may be withdrawn from the member's bank, anytime, by contacting **Rick** at any tournament site.

NEW SCORECARDS: PRESIDENT, GERALD GOTCHER

Gentlemen,

We seem to have an issue weekly with improper scorecards that cause a disqualification to one or more players in that group. When this happens, it puts stress on the Scoring Committee to disqualify a player and angers the player(s) in question.

As a reminder, we follow USGA Rules of Golf, Section 3.3 (b) - Scoring in Stroke Play

It is the RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH PLAYER to make sure their score is correct hole-by-hole. When the scorecard is turned in, with no exceptions (ex: I wasn't keeping the score), that implies you have certified your score. You will note that neither gross nor net totals are required (Section 3.3 (b) (4)), just individual hole scores. However, by correctly totaling your card, it assists in comparing the official scorecard to the backup scorecard, and helps the Scoring Committee in cross-checking hole score entries.

Beginning Sept. 1, a different scorecard will be placed in the carts prior to the round. Lines for the Scorer and person Attesting will be eliminated. On the far-right side 4 boxes will appear under the heading "Init". Each player must initial that box after he attests that the score recorded is correct.

- Failure to initial the appropriate box will result in DQ of that player.
- Failure to turn in a scorecard will result in DQ of that foursome. Electronic scoring is appreciated, but does not replace the printed scorecard.
- Inability to read scores by the Scoring Committee will result in DQ of that player.
- Each player is responsible for the scores recorded on each hole. If a higher score is recorded than he made, the higher score will be used. If a lower score is recorded than he made, the player will be disqualified. Totals are not required under USGA Rule 3.3, paragraph 4, but they are helpful to players when comparing backup cards and also helpful to the Scoring Committee to cross check data accuracy.

Thank you,

Gerald Gotcher, NTSGA President

RAKE THE BUNKERS:

We are seeing way too many bunkers that are not being raked. After a sand shot, raking the bunker is an essential rule of etiquette in golf. Not only is it helpful to the golfers that may have to play out of the bunker in groups behind you, but it is also helpful to the maintenance staff. Additionally, make it a habit to enter and leave the bunker from the low side. Never get in and out of the bunkers from steep faces. Thank you.

We must recognize, as we grow older, we become like old cars...more and more repairs and replacements are necessary!

AGE SHOOTERS: AUGUST

Ted Dunson 8/6 Grapevine 79
Wayne Mueller 8/6 Grapevine 79
Butch Vaut 8/6 Grapevine 81
Pete Archbold 8/13 Irving GC 78
Chris Arenas 8/13 Irving GC 73
Jalil Daneshfar 8/13 Irving GC 75
Jim Gawley 8/13 Irving GC 81
Pete Huff 8/13 Irving GC 88
Mike Jones 8/13 Irving GC 65
Jim Krause 8/13 Irving GC 74
Gene Lindsey 8/13 Irving GC 82
Bill Manser 8/13 Irving GC 81
Bob McKenzie 8/13 Irving GC 88
Tom McMahan 8/13 Irving GC 79
Wayne Mueller 8/13 Irving GC 77
Rob Ruth 8/13 Irving GC 69
Frank Smith 8/13 Irving GC 76
Jack Thompson 8/13 Irving GC 74
Butch Vaut 8/13 Irving GC 74
Jalil Daneshfar 8/18 Lantana 74
Ted Dunson 8/18 Lantana 77
Jack Thompson 8/18 Lantana 76
Jim Krause 8/20 Watters Creek 78
Jack Thompson 8/20 Watters Creek 76
Butch Vaut 8/20 Watters Creek 80
Pete Archbold 8/27 Mansfield Nat'l 81
Mike Barker 8/27 Mansfield Nat'l 72
Jalil Daneshfar 8/27 Mansfield Nat'l 74
Ted Dunson 8/27 Mansfield Nat'l 76
Phil Fahs 8/27 Mansfield Nat'l 84
Jim Gawley 8/27 Mansfield Nat'l 79
Tom McMahan 8/27 Mansfield Nat'l 83
Tim Strobel 8/27 Mansfield Nat'l 81
Jack Thompson 8/27 Mansfield Nat'l 76

An Irishman walks into a bar in Toronto and orders a drink.

The bartender, noticing his accent, asks him "What brings you to Canada?"

The Irishman says "Well, I was in a pub in Dublin and the coaster under my glass said 'Drink Canada Dry', so I thought I'd give it a shot"

A man goes to a shrink and says, "Doctor, my wife is unfaithful to me. Every evening, she goes to Larry's bar and picks up men. In fact, she sleeps with anybody who asks her! I'm going crazy. What do you think I should do?"

"Relax", says the doctor, "take a dep breath and calm down. Now tell me, exactly where is Larry's bar?"



WEATHER CANCELLATIONS....

All members should get in the habit of checking the website (ntsga.org) the evening before a golf tournament and early morning before leaving for the golf course for possible messages from the Tournament Chairman regarding weather conditions/delays and/or cancellations. This procedure has now been enhanced by linking member's cell phones to receive this early morning cancellation message.

To link your phone, contact Webmaster Howie Bacharach (hbacharach@aol.com) and provide your mobile phone number and the name of your wireless carrier.

TOURNAMENT SIGN-UP...

Sign-up deadline for our tournaments is noon, 2 days before the event. Sign-up closes Monday at 12:00 noon for a Wednesday tournament, Sunday at noon for a Tuesday tournament and Saturday at noon for a Monday tournament. If you fail to meet these guidelines you will not be considered in the field. At that time **Tournament Chairman, Rod Wells** starts adding guest signups to the list, providing there are still slots left to fill. Recently there have been many guests wanting to play in our tournaments. If you are a late sign-up and the tournament is still not full, **Rod** will gladly add your name, but you are taking a chance if you miss the normal sign-up deadline.

MORE GOLF:

4th Annual Warhorse Charity Golf Tournament

Saturday, Oct. 11 7:00 AM

Woodbridge G.C. 7400 Country Club Dr., Wylie

Single: \$150, Team: (4 members): \$600

Benefitting: Military Veterans in need

Additional information:

Former NTSGA member Scott Willoughby: (214-597-5232)



FUNNY...

In the school cafeteria lunch line, a large bowl of apples sign says, 'Take only one, God is watching'. At the end of the line a large bowl of chocolate chip cookies has a hand-written note from a little boy that read...Take all the cookies you want, God is watching the apples!

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