

# NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 2026

- The tournament at Irving Golf Club has been re-scheduled for Mar.11. It will begin at 8:00 coinciding with Daylight Savings time. Remember the check-in table closes at 7:30. **Tournament Chm. Rod Wells** has also re-scheduled Texas Rangers GC to our schedule on Mar. 18.
- **Brad Goethals** recorded the first Hole-In-One of the 2026 season. See the write-up in this newsletter.
- Spring/summer golf weather is right around the corner.... promise.
- For the new members joining in February, your handicap is predicated on you teeing off from the back (white) tees. If you desire to play from the forward (red) tees, you must notify **Handicap Chairman Howie Bacharach** ([howardbacharach@gmail.com](mailto:howardbacharach@gmail.com))

## BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH...

Craig Butler 10 <sup>th</sup>	Don Chester 21 <sup>st</sup>	Bob Duty 1 <sup>st</sup>	Gerald Easterling 6 <sup>th</sup>
Mark Gadiant 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Hedge 28 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Jones 29 <sup>th</sup>	John Leal 30 <sup>th</sup>
Bruce Maybery 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>	Denver Roden 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Schlueter 27 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Frank Smith</b> 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bobby Tutor 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mark Walther</b> 18 <sup>th</sup>	

## FEBRUARY TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Feb 4 Waterview	106	82%	<b>Brad Goethals</b> 73 <b>Mike Seagram</b> 73	<b>Brad Goethals</b> 68
Feb 11 Country View	123	96%	<b>Jack Whitling</b> 71	<b>David Jenkins</b> 65
Feb 18 Irving G.C.	Cancelled due to course conflict.			
Feb 25 Tenison Park	128	100%	<b>Chris Arenas</b> 72	<b>Ralph Westbrook</b> 60

### PUN INTENDED...

Life is short, if you can't laugh at yourself, call me...I will

## NEXT 4 TOURNAMENTS...

Mar 4 Bridlewood 8:30

Mar 11 Irving G.C. **8:00**

Mar 18 Texas Rangers **8:00**

Mar 25 Sherrill Park (#1) **8:00**

### Medical term

Terminal Illness

Urine

### Redneck definition

Getting sick at the airport

Opposite of you're out

## DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES---

Mar 4 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.

Mar. 11 Irving G.C. (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.

Mar 18 Texas Rangers (Arlington) 817-275-5941; 801 Brown Blvd. Drive the George Bush Turnpike south, towards Arlington. Exit west at I-30 (towards Ft. Worth). Drive 3.2 miles, exit at Collins St. (Hwy 157). At traffic light, turn right, drive 1 mile. Left turn at Brown Blvd. Course entrance on right. Or, drive the George Bush Turnpike south towards Arlington. Exit at Hwy 183 (towards Ft. Worth). Drive 1.8 miles and take Hwy 360 south. Drive 4 miles and exit at Brown Blvd /Ave J. Turn right and drive 1.9 miles (road is hilly) to Collins St. Go across Collins, course entrance on right.

Mar 25 Sherrill Park (Richardson) 972-234-1416; 2001 E. Lookout Dr. Take Geo. Bush Turnpike east of Central Expwy. Turn south at Jupiter for approx. 1 mile, right turn at E. Lookout Drive, golf course straight ahead.

## AGE SHOOTERS:

**Pete Huff** 2/4 Waterview 88

**Butch Vaut** 2/4 Waterview 78

**Butch Vaut** 2/11 Country View 81

**Chris Arenas** 2/25 Tenison Highlands 72

**Billy Cunningham** 2/25 Tenison Highlands 75

**Ronnie Green** 2/25 Tenison Highlands 76

**Jim Krause** 2/25 Tenison Highlands 77

**Tom McMahan** 2/25 Tenison Highlands 85

**Jack Thompson** 2/25 Tenison Highlands 77

## MASTERS SELECTIONS:

Get your Masters picks ready for April. Pick two players (\$5.00) best combined finish wins. Make as many selections as desired. Payout 3 places. Selections can be made at the Watters Creek tournament on Apr. 8.

**If someone from  
Holland married a  
Filipino.  
Would their kids  
be Hollapinos?**

# HOLE-IN-ONE: BRAD GOETHALS

Seven-year member **Brad Goethals** made the first Hole-in-One of the 2026 season at the Waterview Golf Club on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Influenced by playing partner **Bob Kenyon Jr.**, Brad hit gap wedge 128 yds. on hole #17. Additional playing partners **Rob Ruth** and **Gary Nelson** watched Brad's shot land long and suck back into the cup for the 4<sup>th</sup> Ace ever made by **Brad** during his golfing days.

Born in Natchez, Mississippi, Brad moved to Garland at an early age graduating from North Garland High School. He has enjoyed a

varied career entering the hospitality business resulting in owning two restaurants.

Maintaining a love for the game of golf, **Brad** moved his family to Texarkana and became a teaching professional under the tutelage of Hank Haney at the Texarkana Country Club.

Additionally, **Brad** ventured into the real estate market and sold homes for 11 years after moving back to the DFW area in 2011. Brad and his wife, Holly have a daughter attending TCU and a son attending the Business School at the University of Texas.

**Brad** is the son of longtime NTSGA member **Ron Goethals** who resigned from NTSGA in 2025.

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time Hole #17 has been aced by an NTSGA member throughout the years. **Bob Kelson** made a hole-in-one in 2004 and longtime member and former **President Joel Rogers** aced #17 in 2016.

NTSGA is happy to add \$200.00 to **Brad's** Bank account, in addition to, having gifted watercolor artist, member **Wayne Mueller** paint a celebratory picture for Brad.



## CONGRATULATIONS, BRAD GOETHALS

### PREVENTING SLOW PLAY -

These tips will help speed the pace of play:

- You don't have to take 4 practice swings before striking the ball; you warmed up on the driving range.
- Don't wait until it's your turn to putt to determine which way your putt breaks. You should've done that when walking onto the green or while others are putting.
- Play ready golf, even in the fairway.
- Walk briskly to/from the green.
- If we are forced to drive on "cart paths only", take 3 clubs to your ball, you should know the approx. distance remaining to the hole.
- Stay up with the group ahead.
- After hitting your shot, continue holding the club in your hand, get in the cart and drive to the next shot. When the cart stops, put the club you just used in the bag and pull the next club. Continuing to use this procedure will keep play moving more readily.

## **GOLFTRK:**

GOLFTRK is a new hi-tech indoor practice facility located in Coppell. They have 7 hitting bays and a 51' Puttview green, all providing Track-man readouts including club-head speed, ball speed, spin rate, launch angle, etc. They are willing to host an introductory event for NTSGA members (at no cost) to see their brand-new state of the art facility any day/evening in an attempt to interest members and sell memberships. An unlimited-use one month membership costs \$349.00. An unlimited-use annual membership costs \$229.00/month. If you would be interested in attending a free introductory event, please notify Secy./Membership Chm. Phil Fahs: pfahs57@yahoo.com

## **SCORECARD PLAYOFFS....from WEBMASTER HOWIE BACHARACH**

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.

The word racecar spelled backwards is still racecar!

## **REVIEW: By-Laws Article VI, Section 5. Excessive sign ups...**

One hundred twenty eight players constitute a full field of golfers and is the maximum number of participants for an NTSGA tournament. When more than 128 golfer's sign-up for an event, all players will be screened against a computer randomized selection process designed to eliminate the number of golfers necessary to reach a total of 128 players. Those players eliminated from play for that event will be notified by email or text by 6:00 PM, Tuesday prior to an event. Guest sign-ups are dropped first, then randomly selected members. The Tournament Chairman will maintain records of computer random selected members told they cannot play and these members will not be selected again until all other members have been forced to sit out an event. The drop selections start all over again at the beginning of a new year. The computer is completely unbiased to membership tenure, activity and age. Members who are turned away and want to take a chance that a no-show will occur, may come to the course with the understanding that there must be less than 128 playing, to be awarded a spot to play. Priority for these alternate players will remain the same as the computer determined list of random selections. These hopeful players must be at the sign-in table 30 minutes prior to tee time.

Late emergency cancellations are understandable, but cancelling because of doctor appointments, baby sitting services, automobile service appointments, just wanted to sleep in... are not acceptable, because the course is going to charge NTSGA for 128 players regardless of how many actually played. You have also infuriated fellow members because you have forced them to be dropped and prohibited them from playing.

