

NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2024

- Spring weather is finally here and many members are anxious to play. Sign-up early. Our maximum field is 128 players. Sign-up closes at noon, 2 days before the event. Sign-in table closes at 7:30.
- Masters Pot selections can be made April 10th at Waterview. If unable to be at Waterview, selections can be sent by email (pfahs57@yahoo.com) received before 7:00 am, April 11th. Select 2 players, lowest combined finish by the 2 players wins. Payout 3 places. Select as many pairs as desired. \$5.00/2man selections.
- If a pro golfer misses the cut at the Masters, he still receives \$10,000.
- The Golf Club of Dallas management personnel were very appreciative for the NTSGA members who stayed for lunch after our round. This contributes to the good name of NTSGA and an enhancement for having us back for future events. Thank you.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR APRIL

John Anderson 17th **Andrew Braun** 21st **Chuck Brockenbush** 23rd **David Bruner** 12th
Mike Fosheim 12th **Ron Rankey** 3rd **James Standon** 19th **Jeff Taylor** 13th
Jack Thompson 16th **Butch Vaut** 23rd **Jim Wagoner** 9th

MARCH TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Mar. 6 Tenison (Highlands)	126	98%	David Kneer 73	Ken Buck 65
Mar. 11 Lantana	110	85%	Ray Kennedy 71	James Standon 68
Mar. 13 Golf Club of Dallas	99	77%	Andrew Braun 68	Andrew Braun 67 Jim Staron 67 Bobby Vetkoetter 67 Jack Whitling 67
Mar. 20 Grapevine	127	99%	Andrew Braun 70 Bill Jackson 70 Jack Whitling 70	Brent Smithers 66
Mar. 27 Buffalo Creek	104	81%	Jack Whitling 73	Craig Brooks 67 Terry Latham 67

PUN INTENDED...

I re-labeled all the jars on my wife's spice rack; I'm not in trouble yet,
but the thyme is cumin!

NEXT 4 TOURNAMENTS:

Apr. 3 Bear Creek (East) 8:00

Apr. 10 Waterview 8:00

Apr. 17 Watters Creek 8:00

Apr. 24 Irving Golf Club 8:00

Whenever someone
says to me, "Oh, you
look so familiar, where
do I know you from?"
I like to respond with,
"Do you watch porn?"

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES...

Apr. 3 Bear Creek (East) (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 2nd 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 5th traffic light.

Apr. 10 Waterview (Rowlett) 972-463-8900; 9509 Waterview Pkwy. Drive the Geo. Bush Turnpike east through Garland, past hwy 78/past the Firewheel Mall. Exit at Merritt/Liberty Grove Connector. At 2nd stop sign (Liberty Grove), turn left. Drive 1.7 miles. Turn left at Waterview Pkwy, leads to golf course on left. If driving through downtown Dallas on I-30, proceed east of LBJ Frwy (635), Garland, and exit at Geo Bush Turnpike (north). Exit the Turnpike at Lakeview Pkwy/Main St. /Hwy 66. Stay on the Service Road, passing Main St., passing Hwy 66 for another 1.4 miles. Turn right at the stop sign (Liberty Grove). Drive 1.7 miles. Turn left at Waterview Pkwy, leads to golf course on left.

Apr. 17 Watters Creek (Allen) 972-517-7777; 7201 Chase Oaks Blvd. Drive I-75 (Central Expwy). Exit at Legacy Dr., turn west. At 2nd traffic light, (Chase Oaks Blvd) turn right. Course ½ mile on left.

Apr. 24 Irving Golf Club (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.

MASTERS TRIVIA: The first Masters tournament was played in 1934, won by Horton Smith. However, the first green jacket was never awarded to the winner until 1949...Sam Snead.

GOLF CARTS:

The fee NTSGA pays the golf course's includes green fees and cart rental. Most courses allow us to drive to the parking lot to drop off our clubs after a round. The courteous thing to do is to return the cart to the staging area so course personnel can clean/wash the cart and ready it for the next golfers. Most courses have signs where they would like to have the carts deposited. There were 2 carts left in the parking lot across the street from the Tenison Park pro shop. This is unsatisfactory and blemishes the good name of NTSGA. Please be mindful of this small task and return the carts to the designated drop-off location at the golf courses we play.

AGE SHOOTERS: MARCH

Jim Krause 3/6 Tenison Park- Highlands 76

Butch Vaut 3/6 Tenison Park- Highlands 75

Bob Wands 3/11 Lantana 79

Jim Krause 3/13 Golf Club of Dallas 80

Butch Vaut 3/13 Golf Club of Dallas 78

Bobby Vetkoetter 3/13 Golf Club of Dallas 73

Ken Wagner 3/13 Golf Club of Dallas 78

Wayne Mueller 3/20 Grapevine 75

Jim Rowley 3/20 Grapevine 80

Butch Vaut 3/20 Grapevine 73

Bobby Vetkoetter 3/20 Grapevine 73

Ken Wagner 3/20 Grapevine 78

Bob Wands 3/20 Grapevine 84

Jim Krause 3/27 Buffalo Creek 79



Chocolate is God's way of telling us he likes us a little bit chubby!

MORE MASTERS TRIVIA:

The Crows Nest is a 30' x 40' room atop the clubhouse and is the living quarters during the tournament for 5 amateur players.

SAD NEWS: Fourteen year member Bob Wands (Alice) and former member Jay Gasper (Ginny) both lost their beloved wives in early March. Visitation for Ginny was held Mar. 20 followed by her funeral service on Mar. 21. A memorial celebration of Alice's life will be held on Apr. 11 at 2:00 pm at the Mulkey Mason Funeral Home (740 S. Edmonds Ln., Lewisville). These couples had much in common and their friendly association somewhat coincidental. When Bob and Jay were playing in a golf tournament together, both recorded holes-in-one on the same day. And also both wives passed away on the same day, Mar. 7, 2024. Rest in Peace, Alice Wands and Ginny Gasper.

MASTERS DINNER:

The Masters dinner is served on Tuesday evening before play begins on Thursday. All previous winners are invited to attend. The menu is selected by the winner of the tournament from the previous year, who also pays the tab. This will be last year's winner Jon Rahm's menu this year (with a Spanish flair):

Basque crab salad

Lentil Stew

Ribeye Steak

Sea Bass

White Asparagus

Puff pastry custard cake

...all served with white wine from Vizcaya



ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENTS... Tournament Chairman, **Rod Wells** has added Lantana to our schedule to be played Monday, July 1st. There are 8 more open dates on our annual schedule that Rod will try to fill. Continually check the NTSGA website "Schedule" tab for additions/changes to our golf schedule.

CLUB IN, CLUB OUT...

...**Butch Vaut**

Say you've just hit your shot from the fairway onto the green. Instead of walking around the back of your cart to put your club away...just bring your club with you as you jump into the cart. Then, when you get greenside, that's when you put your club away and pull your putter. You will be surprised how well this technique keeps play moving and keeps you a perfect distance from the foursome ahead.

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.

FUNNY...

Every morning, the CEO of a large bank in Manhattan walked to the corner for a shoeshine. He sat in an armchair, examined the Wall Street Journal, as the shoe shiner buffed his shoes to a mirror shine.

One morning the shoe shiner asked the CEO, "What do you think about the situation in the stock market?"

The businessman answered arrogantly, "Why are you so interested in that topic?" The shoe shine guy replied, "I have millions in your bank and I'm considering investing some of the money in the capital market."

"What's your name?" asked the executive. "John H. Smith", was the reply.

The CEO arrived at the bank and asked the Manager of Customer Service, "Do we have a client named John H. Smith?"

"We certainly do," answered the Manager. "He is a high-net-worth customer with 12.6 million dollars in his account."

The astonished executive came out, approached the shoe shiner, and said, "Mr. Smith, I would like to invite you to our next Board meeting and have you tell us the story of your life. I'm sure we could learn something from your life's experience." At the Board meeting, the CEO introduced him to the Board members. "We all know Mr. Smith, from the corner shoeshine stand, and Mr. Smith is also an esteemed customer. I invited him here to tell us the story of his life. I am sure we can all learn from him."

Mr. Smith began his story, "I came to this country 50 years ago as a young immigrant from Europe with an unpronounceable name. I got off the ship without a penny. The first thing I did was change my name to Smith. I was hungry and exhausted. I started wandering around looking for a job but to no avail. Fortunately, I found a coin on the sidewalk. I bought an apple. I sold the apple for 25 cents and bought two more apples with the money. I sold them also and continued in business. When I started accumulating a few dollars, I was able to buy a set of used brushes and shoe polish and started polishing shoes. I didn't spend a penny on entertainment or clothing. I just bought bread and some cheese to survive. I lived like a monk and saved every penny. After awhile, I was able to buy an armchair so my clients could sit comfortably while I shined their shoes, and that brought me more clients. I did not spend a penny on the joys of life, I kept saving every cent.

A few years ago, when the previous shoe shiner on the corner decided to retire, I had already saved enough money to buy his shoeshine location at this great place.

Then, six months ago, my sister, who was a prostitute in Chicago, passed away and left me 12.5 million dollars."

