

NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 2025

- NTSGA will observe a holiday break from Dec.11 thru mid-January 2026. If weather conditions are favorable to play golf, use the roster to contact fellow members and get up a game during this break period.
- **Chris Arenas** made a Hole-In-One at Waterchase, see the write-up in this newsletter.
- If you didn't play in the required 20 rounds this year and don't plan to participate in 2026, notify **Secy./Membership Chairman Phil Fahs**, pfahs57@yahoo.com
- Annual dues for 2026 are \$60.00. They will be extracted from your NTSGA Bank on Jan. 1, 2026. If you don't have \$60.00 in your Bank, submit a check to **Treasurer Rick Wiley** by Jan.1, 2026. Rick's address is 5555 Windhaven Pkwy Apt. 5131 Plano, TX 75024. Check your Bank balance on the website Member Accounts tab.

BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER...

Frank Alvarado 17 th	*Scott Brock 17 th	Jim Forrester 4 th	Freddie Fredieu 9 th
Mike Godbey 15 th	Javier Iturbe 16 th	Kenny Johnson 29 th	*Mike Kopp 17 th
Jeff Lettieri 13 th	Gene Lindsey 9 th	Don Marks 12 th	Bob McKenzie
**Dennis Meyer 24 th	Gilbert Moses 7 th	James Powell 6 th	Harry Schmidt 23 rd
Jon Traver 30 th	Ralph Westbrook 12 th	Jack Whitling 6 th	**LeRoy Worm 24 th

***Scott Brock & Mike Kopp** are twins, only born to different parents!

****LeRoy Worm & Dennis Meyer** stay up all night drinking hot chocolate, waiting for Santa to come down the chimney!

NOVEMBER TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Nov. 5 Waterchase	115	89%	David Kneer 70	Duane Peterson 68
Nov. 12 Tierra Verde	116	90%	Kent Hunold 71 Rob Ruth 71 Rick Steeno 71	Mike Hendrix 82
Nov. 19 Sherrill Park	131	102%	Jack Whitling 70	John Anderson 66 Gary Mitchell 66

PUN INTENDED...

Ironmen eat steel, and sheet metal

FINAL TOURNAMENTS OF 2025:

Dec. 3 Pecan Hollow 8:30

Dec. 10 Texas Star 8:30

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES...

Dec. 3 Pecan Hollow (Plano) 972-941-7600; 4501 E. 14th St. Drive the Geo. Bush Turnpike, exit east of Central Expy (I-75) at Jupiter. Drive north for 1 mile, turn right on 14th street and drive 2.3 miles. Course entrance on left. (Careful of oncoming traffic).

Dec. 10 Texas Star (Euless) 817-685-7888; 1400 Texas Star Pkwy. Take Hwy 183 (Airport Frwy) west, past the south entrance to DFW Airport. Exit at Hwy 10 West (it becomes Euless Blvd.) Continue on Hwy 10, passing Hwy 157 (Industrial Blvd.) for 1 more mile. Course entrance on left.

Fact: Cows that attend college produce better ice cream!

RULES REVIEW---

USGA has specific rules for lateral hazards and water hazards, however, NTSGA treats both the red stakes and yellow stakes the same to simplify the rules and to keep play moving. If you hit your ball into a hazard, you may play it as it lies, and with USGA rules changes, may now ground your club – No Penalty. Or you may lift the ball out of the hazard and drop the ball within 2 club lengths of where it entered the hazard, no closer to the hole, Penalty 1 stroke. Or you may proceed back as far as desired on the line from where you hit the errant shot, Penalty 1 stroke.

Four stages of life:

- 1) You believe in Santa Claus
- 2) You don't believe in Santa Claus
- 3) You are Santa Claus
- 4) You look like Santa Claus

OOPS!

In the November newsletter, on the Hole-In-One article for Jim Gawley, Gary Mitchell was given credit for making a Hole-in-One on the same hole as Jim, but in a previous year. Credit should have been given to **Dennis Meyer** who made a Hole-In-One on Hole #17 at Tangleridge in 2021.

Sorry Dennis!

The main reason that Santa is so jolly, is because he knows where all the bad girls live!

HOLE-IN-ONE: CHRIS ARENAS

Three-year NTSGA member, **Chris Arenas** recorded the Association's 6th hole-in-one of the 2025 golf season on Hole #2 at Waterchase on Nov. 5. This 6th Ace made during the year, ties the hole-in-one record made during the golf season with year's 2008 and 2016. Chris' playing partners (Mario Armijo, David Martin and Jim Parrack) were dumbfounded when they watched Chris' bladed pitching wedge barely clear the pond, hit a sprinkler head, bounded high into the air and dropped into the cup for Chris' very first ever hole-in-one. This is also the first time any NTSGA member has ever aced the #2 hole at Waterchase.



Chris grew up in Milwaukee attending local schools followed by enrollment at Orange Coast College in Mesa, California. After 2 years, he enlisted in the Marine Corps and during his active-duty time, completed his Bachelor's degree from the University of Texas. He retired from the Marine Corps obtaining the rank of Major after 13 years of active duty, serving at the Pentagon as the U.S. Artillery representative to NATO.

After his Marine Corps commitment, Chris earned his Masters degree in Business Administration from Edgewood College in Madison, Wisconsin. He has had a varied civilian occupational career as a Quality Control Manager directing computer IT systems. He owned a tax preparation business, a bicycle retail shop and was a college Marketing professor.

*The author was only kidding regarding Chris' ball flight during his hole-in-one.

NTSGA is happy to add \$200.00 to Chris' Bank, in addition to, having talented watercolor artist member, Wayne Mueller paint a picture for Chris.

CONGRATULATIONS, CHRIS ARENAS



AGE SHOOTERS: NOVEMBER

Ted Dunson 11/5 Waterchase 74

David Kneer 11/5 Waterchase 70

Ted Dunson 11/12 Tierra Verde 79

Pete Huff 11/12 Tierra Verde 87

Wayne Mueller 11/12 Tierra Verde 83

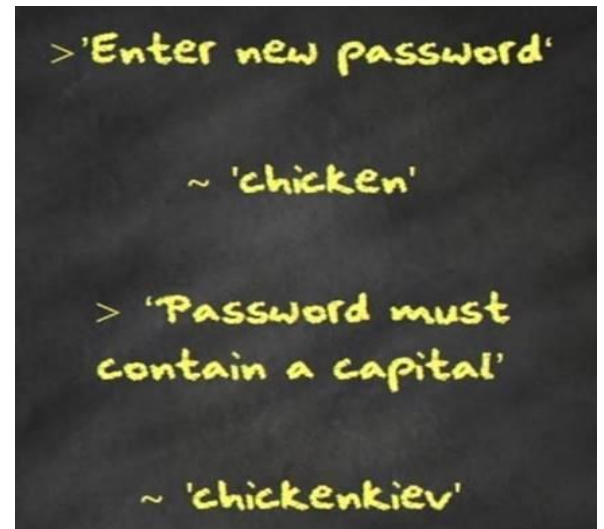
Rob Ruth 11/12 Tierra Verde 71

Jack Thompson 11/12 Tierra Verde 75

Ted Dunson 11/19 Sherrill Park 79

Bill Manser 11/19 Sherrill Park 79

Gary Mitchell 11/19 Sherrill Park 75



FUNNY:

When four of Santa's elves got sick, the trainee elves did not produce toys as fast as the regular ones, and Santa began to feel the pre-Christmas pressure.

Then Mrs. Claus told Santa her mother was coming to visit, which stressed Santa even more. When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two others had jumped the fence and were out, Heaven knows where.

Then when he began to load the sleigh, one of the floorboards cracked, the toy bag fell to the ground and all of the toys were scattered.

Frustrated, Santa went into the house for a cup of apple cider and shot of rum. When he went to the cupboard, he discovered the elves had drunk all the cider and hidden the liquor. In his frustration, he accidentally dropped the cider jug, and it broke into hundreds of little glass pieces all over the kitchen floor. He went to get the broom and found the mice had eaten all of the straw off the end of the broom.

Just then the doorbell rang and an irritated Santa marched to the door, yanked it open, and there stood a little angel with a great big Christmas tree.

The angel said very cheerfully, "Merry Christmas, Santa. Isn't this a lovely day? I have a beautiful tree for you. Where would you like me to stick it?"

...and so began the tradition of the little angel on top of a Christmas tree!

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Merry Christmas to you and all of your families.

Phil