NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 2025

- Here's hoping Pauxatauney Phil does not see his shadow this month.
- Sometimes the weather makes this a tough month to play golf. Be sure to check the website late Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning to see if pending inclement weather has forced cancellation of our tournament.
- 2024 was a big year for NTSGA as we played 5,101 rounds of golf!
- Remember...max score on any hole is triple bogey, keep play moving!

BIRTHDAY'S FOR FEBRUARY...

Juan Bergara 23rd John Carrick 21st Mike Hendrix 11th Francois Laubscher 25th Danny Millaway 13th Joe Ben Ramos 22nd Rick Van Meter 1st

Dave Bramlett 14th Steve Casselman 19th John Cravens 7th Ray Kennedy 17th Bob Lewis 2nd Morris Mitchael 12th Ben Robinson 14th

Dave Brigman 3rd David Kneer 17th Gary Nelson 4th Mark Rushing 4th

Everett Byre 1st Clint Culp 13th Bill Lambert 10th Dan Lochlear 16th Dal McKinney 21st Elliott Prater 16th Jim Sendejas 14th

JANUARY TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION:

Players Percentage Low Low of full field Gross Net

Jan 8 Grapevine Cancelled, due to weather

Jan 15 Pecan Hollow John Traver 71 **Dave Dudley** 61 108 84%

Jan 22 Luna Vista Cancelled, due to weather

Jan 29 Texas Rangers 112 87% **David Kneer** 70 **Tracy Rodden** 66

Sometimes I shock myself with the smart stuff I say and do. Then there are the times when I try to get out of my car with the seat belt on!

DUES:

NTSGA annual dues (\$60.00) for 2025 were due Jan. 1. There are still 26 members that have not met this obligation. If these dues are not paid by Feb. 5, your membership will be terminated. Questions can be directed to **Treasurer Rick Wiley**. His phone number and email address are on page 4 of this newsletter.

PUN INTENDED...

My friend Jack says he can communicate with vegetables. That's right...Jack and the beans talk.

NEXT 4 TOURNAMENTS

Feb 5 Waterview 8:30

Feb 12 Tenison Park - Glen 8:30

Feb 19 Texas Star 8:30

Feb 26 Tangleridge 8:30

The city should hire the guy that salts the fries at McDonald's to do the roads.

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES...

Feb 5 <u>Waterview</u> (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 <u>2nd</u> 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.

Feb 12 <u>Tenison Park-Glen</u> (Dallas) 214-670-1402; 3501 Samuell Blvd. Drive east of downtown Dallas on I-30, exit at Dolphin Rd., turn left, under I-30 for 1 block, right turn on Samuell Blvd. Then a left turn at Tenison Parkway, course entrance on right, parking lot on left.

Feb19 <u>Texas Star</u> (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.

Feb 26 <u>Tangleridge</u> (Grand Prairie) 972-299-6837; 818 Tangle Ridge Dr. Take I-35E south thru downtown Dallas. Bear right at the Hwy 67 split, towards Cleburne. After passing under I-20, drive 8.7 miles, exit at Lake Ridge Pkwy., right turn, drive 2 miles. Turn left at Park Ridge Dr. (traffic light), follow signs through residential area for approx. 1.2 miles to golf course entrance. Or, drive south on the George Bush Turnpike through Arlington towards I-20. Exit at Lake Ridge Parkway (the exit before I-20) and continue south for approx 8.5 miles. After crossing 2nd bridge, drive .8 mile turning right at the traffic light to enter the Tangleridge residential area. Drive approx. 1.2 miles (go past elementary school). Turn right at Park Ridge Ct. Leads to golf course.

SHARP SHOOTERS-

Twenty seven members shot their age during our tournaments in 2024. Leading the way was **Butch Vaut** (27 times), **Wayne Mueller** (18), **Jim Krause** (17), **Ken Wagner** (13), **Ted Dunson** (13), **Bob Wands** (11), **Tom McMahan** (11) and **Jim Rowley** (10). This is a wonderful statistic for senior golfers.

BBQ...YUM, YUM:

New member, **Chef Auston** owns a BBQ stand in Carrollton close to the intersection of Charles St. & Hebron Pkwy. (401K BBQ Shack, 4211 Charles St., Carrollton). He will graciously provide one Complimentary BBQ Brisket sandwich or one Pulled Pork sandwich to all members of the North Texas Seniors Golf Association. He will use the NTSGA roster to check-off member's names when they come by to pick up their sandwich. His hours of operation are: Thursday thru Saturday 11:00 am- 6:00 pm. Many thanks to **Chef Auston** for this wonderful gesture.

FROM TREASURER RICK WILEY...

Examination of financial assets of NTSGA reveals the following:

Total assets of the Association: \$58,502.46 Assets owed to members (Bank): \$32,823.01 NTSGA net worth (Dec.18, 2024): \$25,679.45

I am comfortable with assessing member's \$60.00 annual dues for 2025 and also keeping the tournament fees at \$50.00...includes \$10 prize fee, (\$40.00 for guests) for the first 6 months of 2025. In light of golf course green fees increasing from 2024 at many of our tournament sites, the Board of Directors will re-convene in June to determine if an increase in tournament fees is warranted for the balance of 2025. NTSGA financial statements for fiscal year-ended 10-31-2024, along with IRS Form 990 (Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax) are available upon request at rick.wiley@verizon.net

Respectfully,

Rick Wiley

AGE SHOOTERS – JANUARY

Jim Krause 1/15 Pecan Hollow 76
Gene Lindsey 1/15 Pecan Hollow 81
Tom McMahan 1/15 Pecan Hollow 84
Wayne Mueller 1/15 Pecan Hollow 82
David Kneer 1/29 Texas Rangers 70
Jim Krause 1/29 Texas Rangers 79
Bill Manser 1/29 Texas Rangers 79
Tom McMahan 1/29 Texas Rangers 80
Mike Vestal 1/29 Texas Rangers 79

I asked my waiter why he has his thumb on my steak ,, he said because he doesn't want to drop it on the floor again ...

Marriage Counselor: "Your wife says you never buy her flowers. Is that true?" Me: "To be honest, I never knew she sold flowers!"

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IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING...

Anything pertaining to the overall operation of the Association contact:

PRESIDENT GERALD GOTCHER grgotcher@yahoo.com 972-965-6962

Anything pertaining to your NTSGA Bank balance, prize money distribution, receiving a check for bank withdrawals, dues, contact:

TREASURER RICK WILEY rick.wiley@verizon.net 972-768-6011

Anything pertaining to Newsletters, Association correspondence, Constitution, By-Laws, roster information changes, prospective member waiting list, archive records from previous years, closest to the pin questions, new members, holes-in-one and annual election of Officers and Directors, contact:

> SECRETARY/ MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN PHIL FAHS pfahs57@yahoo.com 972-243-3450

Anything pertaining to tournament sign-ups, annual schedule, weekly pairing sheet, tournament check-in, member participation, course tee markers, excessive sign-ups/drops and future golf courses, contact:

TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN ROD WELLS wellsrod00@gmail.com 214-629-6707

Anything pertaining to the NTSGA website, handicap computation, tournament flight results, individual rounds played, scorecards, age shooters, 2-man team results, text messages, credit card payments, contact:

HANDICAP CHAIRMAN/WEBMASTER HOWIE BACHARACH howardbacharach@gmail.com 410-507-2932

SLOW PLAY...

In line with the article that appeared in last month's newsletter regarding Slow Play, a similar article appeared in <u>Avid Golfer Magazine</u> authored by Vice President, Rick Arnett: "I see too many amateurs frozen at address over the ball. The stagnant stiff body has a tougher time initiating movement instead of a couple of waggles and hitting away. Even copious practice swings are unnecessary, as everyone shoots their lowest scores while playing faster and having fun. I've learned these practice swings don't help...it just adds time. Be ready and fire away, please. Also, play from the correct tees. One of the best epiphanies as you mature is setting aside ego for practicality. It is more enjoyable hitting 7 or 8 irons into par 4's than hybrids or long irons."

By-Laws Article VI, Section 2.....Pay fee's, withdraw

Any member paying his tournament fee and commencing play, and who later has to withdraw from the tournament for any reason (DQ'd, illness, injury, WD), shall not be eligible to receive any awarded monies; i.e. flight prize money, 2-man team competition, CTP awards or skins money. If a member pays the entry fee and withdraws before starting the round, no refund shall be given; however, his entry fee will be added to his account balance (Bank), maintained by the NTSGA Treasurer.

FUNNY...

A male patient is lying in bed in the hospital, wearing an oxygen mask over his mouth and nose, still heavily sedated from a difficult, four hour surgical procedure. A young student nurse appears, to give him a partial sponge bath. "Nurse", he mumbles, from behind the mask. "Are my testicles black?"

Embarrassed, the young nurse replies, "I don't know, Sir, I'm only here to wash your upper body and feet."

He struggles to ask again, "Nurse, are my testicles black?" Concerned that he may elevate his vitals from worry about his testicles, she overcomes her embarrassment and sheepishly pulls back the covers. She raises his gown, holds his penis in one hand and his testicles in the other, lifting and moving them around.

Then, she takes a close look and says, "There's nothing wrong with them, Sir."

The man pulls off his oxygen mask, smiles at her and says very slowly, "Thank you very much, that was wonderful, but listen very, very closely...