# **NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2025**

- Happy New Year to All! This is NTSGA's 62<sup>nd</sup> year of providing quality golf tournaments for senior golfers.
- Tournament Chairman, Rod Wells has put the 2025 Tournament Schedule on the Schedule tab of the website. Tournament start times are 8:30 until March. The sign-in table closes at 8:00.
- 2025 NTSGA annual dues will be extracted from your Bank on Jan. 1, 2025 by
  Treasurer Rick Wiley. If you don't have sufficient funds in your Bank, submit a
  check (\$60.00, payable to NTSGA) to Rick before Jan.5. (5555 Windhaven
  Pkwy. Apt. 5131 Plano, TX 75024) If you're unsure as to your Bank balance, call
  Rick at 972-768-6011.
- Tournament fees beginning Jan. 8 remain \$50.00, guests pay \$40.00.
- See important changes to our Rules, in this newsletter.
- Fifteen new members join NTSGA this month; see their introductions in this newsletter.

## **BIRTHDAY'S FOR JANUARY**

Pete Archbold 31<sup>st</sup>
Mark Harwell 25<sup>th</sup>
Art Krueger 5<sup>th</sup>
John Vasquez 1<sup>st</sup>

Frank Arnold 19<sup>th</sup> Armondo Hinojos 19<sup>th</sup> Terry Latham 14<sup>th</sup> Marc Walker 28<sup>th</sup> Craig Brooks 2<sup>nd</sup>
Charlie Johnson 16<sup>th</sup>
Jerry Morgan 24<sup>th</sup>
Jim Yarbrough 17<sup>th</sup>

Jalil Daneshfar 4<sup>th</sup> **John Jones** 29<sup>th</sup>
Duane Peterson 26<sup>th</sup>

## NTSGA RULE CHANGES EFFECTIVE JAN 1, 2025...

- 1) Maximum strokes on any hole...Triple Bogey.
- 2) Regardless of age or handicap, any member may tee off from the Forward Tees.

See accompanying article by President Gerald Gotcher in this Newsletter

## **MEDICAL ISSUES:**

NTSGA has provisions for members who, because of a medical/illness issues cannot participate in our tournaments for a period of time. The **Membership Chairman (Phil Fahs**, <u>pfahs57@yahoo.com</u> must be notified. This waiver may be granted for up to 1 year. If a member is unable to complete the 20 annual round requirements, he may be granted a waiver (probation), but must participate in 20 rounds the following year in order to keep his membership active.

## **PUN INTENDED...**

It amazes me how much exercise and extra fries sound alike!

## **NEXT 3 TOURAMENTS**

Jan 8 Grapevine 8:30 Jan 15 Pecan Hollow 8:30

Jan 22 Luna Vista 8:30 Luna Road leading to the course is now paved.

Jan 29 Texas Rangers 8:30

MY NEIGHBOR JUST YELLED AT HER KIDS SO LOUD THAT EVEN I BRUSHED MY TEETH AND WENT TO BED.

## **DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES...**

<u>Grapevine</u> (Grapevine) 817-410-3377; Drive west on LBJ freeway (I-635) towards DFW airport. Prior to the airport entry, exit at Bass Pro Dr., continue to the traffic light. Turn left, drive over Hwy 121, past the Embassy Suites Hotel to the next traffic light (Hwy 26). Turn left, drive ½ mile to next traffic light, turn right (Fairway Dr.) Drive past Cowboys Golf Club and over the Lake Grapevine Dam. On the other side of the Dam, turn right into golf course entrance.

<u>Pecan Hollow</u> (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).

<u>Luna Vista</u> (Dallas) 214-670-6322; 11223 Luna Rd. Drive to I-35E (Stemmons Frwy). Exit at Royal Lane. Drive west 1.1 miles (traffic light). Turn left (Luna Rd.), drive .4 mile Course entrance on right.

<u>Texas Rangers G.C.</u> (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. <u>Or</u>, 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.

#### **EARLY MORNING PHONE CALLS:**

These are the only phone numbers to be called or texted for early morning questions or to report a delay in your arrival to the golf courses:

**Rod Wells**: 214-629-6707 **Howie Bacharach**: 410-507-2932



## **SAD NEWS:**

Member Rick Moran passed away unexpectedly on Nov. 13, 2024. Rick had been a member of NTSGA since 2023 and was 74 years of age.

**REST IN PEACE, RICK MORAN** 

## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT GERALD GOTCHER...

Gentlemen, our golf rounds are taking way too much time. Five plus hours are not acceptable and it has become a serious problem. Due to the time length of our tournaments we are losing members and also the support of the fine courses we play. No one wants to admit they are slow, but submitting scorecards after 5 hours, prove we are slow. We have written articles in our newsletters and preached keeping play moving with announcements before starting the rounds, but nothing seems to help.

At a recent Board of Directors meeting, the following changes to the NTSGA Tournament Rules will be implemented starting in 2025 in an attempt to speed up play:

- 1) Maximum score on any hole: 3 over par. If you are 3 over par on a hole, or putting for a score of 3 over par...pick up the ball and move to the next hole.
- 2) Regardless of age or handicap, you may play from the forward tees. Handicap Chairman Howie Bacharach must be notified (howardbacharach@gmail.com); 410-507-2932 and you must remain on that tee box for a minimum of 6 months.
- 3) Lost ball search time is 3 minutes. This is a USGA and NTSGA rule and we must adhere to it.

NTSGA is in danger of not being able to play certain courses if we do not pick up the pace of play. Play ready golf...be ready to hit when you get to your ball, limit practice swings, park the cart behind the green, so the group behind can hit as soon as your foursome gets off the green, record scores at the next tee box. Drop your cart partner off at his ball, then drive to your ball. After hitting your shot, pick up your cart partner who should be walking down the fairway. After hitting the ball, immediately get in the cart still holding your clubs, drive to the next shot, then put your clubs back in the bag, while pulling the club for your next shot. Don't hold up play with jokes or conversations. The Board will re-evaluate these changes in 6 months. Start following these suggestions for the sake of your organization. If things do not change, we will need to implement time limits leading to penalties or DQ's.

Respectfully,

Gerald

IRON MEN... played in over 40 tournaments in 2024:

**Howie Bacharach Gene Edmondson Danny Millaway Rod Wells** 

**Roger Ball Phil Fahs Gary Nelson** Dave Patrick **Rick Wiley** 

**Bob Bruner** Ronnie Green Bob Kenyon

**Ron Cremer** Paul Price

**Bob Duty** Tom McMahan Mike Vestal

## **FUN FACTS FROM 2024:**

Tournaments scheduled: 41

Tournaments Added: 8

**Tournaments Canceled: 3** 

Tournaments Played: 46

Club Champions: Mike Jones (Medalist) Back Tees 138

**Butch Vaut Forward Tees 144** 

Holes-In-One: 2

Rusty Kasmeirsky Sky Creek Ranch #14

Randy Grimes Tierra Verde #3

Total number of rounds played: 5091

Average players/round: 111 Average guests/round: 3

New members joining in 2024: 58

Most active golf months: September, October

Favorite courses (determined by members participating):

Grapevine, Texas Star, Tour 18, Bridlewood.

Senior Member: LeRoy Worm (92)

Longest Tenured Member: **Bob Kenyon** (1999)

The people who make fitted sheets need to sit down with the people who make mattresses and get on the same page.

Making the bed shouldn't be like putting a swimming cap over a fridge.

Hugh Hefner became a multi-millionaire staying home in his pajamas...I'm not having that same result!

I arrived early at the
Restaurant last night.
The Manager said
"Do you mind waiting
for a bit?"
I said "Not at all"
He said "Great, take
these drinks to Table
9"

## **NEW MEMBERS: JANUARY**

Marco Armijo - Grand Prairie
Chef Auston - Lewisville
Doug Bull - Flower Mound
Tom Christiansen - Lantana
Bob Davis - Allen
Gerald Easterling - Dallas
Tom Jennings - Corinth
Robert Lederman - Aubrey
Scott Lofye - Plano
Bill Manser - Dallas
Randy Mazon - Allen
Don Morgan - Midlothian
Butch Moses - Irving
Mike Payne - Argyle
Glen Sardella - Lantana

FUNNY: ...Bucky Taylor

An elderly woman joins a Country Club and she hears the guys talking about their golf round, she says, "I played on my college golf team. I was pretty good, mind if I join you next week?"

No one wants to say yes; by they're on the spot. Finally, one man says, "OK, but we start a 6:30 am. He figures the early tee-time will discourage her.

The woman says this may be a problem and asks if she can be up to 15 minutes late. They roll their eyes, but say "Okay."

She's there at 6:30 am sharp and beats all of them with an eye-opening 2-under round. She's fun and pleasant and the guys are impressed. They congratulate her and invite her back next week. She smiles, and says, "I'll be there at 6:30 or 6:45."

The next week she again shows up at 6:30 sharp. Only this time, she plays left-handed. The three guys are incredulous as she still beats them with an even-par round, despite playing with her off-hand. They're totally amazed. They can't figure her out. She's a very pleasant and gracious winner. They invite her back again, but each man harbors a burning desire to beat her.

The third week, she's 15 minutes late, which irritates the guys. This week she plays right-handed and narrowly beats all three of them again. The men grumble that her late arrival is petty gamesmanship on her part. However, she's so charming and complimentary of their strong play, they can't hold a grudge. This woman is a riddle no one can figure out.

They have a couple beers in the Clubhouse and finally one of the men asks her. "How do you decide if you're going to play right-handed or left-handed?"

The old lady blushes and grins. "When my dad taught me to play golf, I learned that I was ambidextrous," she replies. "I like to switch back and forth."

"When I got married after college, I discovered my husband always sleeps in the nude. From then on, I developed a silly habit. Right before I leave in the morning for golf practice, I pull the cover off him. If his willie points to the right, I play right-handed; and if it points to the left, I play left-handed."

The guys think is hysterical.

Astonished at this bizarre information, one of the guys says. "What if it's pointing straight up?"

She says. "Then, I'm 15 minutes late."

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Happy New Year to All,

Phil