

NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2025

- Happy New Year to All! This is NTSGA's 62nd 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 st	Frank Arnold 19 th	Craig Brooks 2 nd	Jalil Daneshfar 4 th
Mark Harwell 25 th	Armondo Hinojos 19 th	Charlie Johnson 16 th	John Jones 29 th
Art Krueger 5 th	Terry Latham 14 th	Jerry Morgan 24 th	Duane Peterson 26 th
John Vasquez 1 st	Marc Walker 28 th	Jim Yarbrough 17 th	

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, pfahs57@yahoo.com)** 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 TOURNAMENTS

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...

Grapevine (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.

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).

Luna Vista (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.

Texas Rangers G.C. (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.

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 (howiebacharach@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	Roger Ball	Bob Bruner	Ron Cremer	Bob Duty
Gene Edmondson	Phil Fahs	Ronnie Green	Bob Kenyon	Tom McMahan
Danny Millaway	Gary Nelson	Dave Patrick	Paul Price	Mike Vestal
Rod Wells	Rick Wiley			

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)

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

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.

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

