

# NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 2026

- The winners of the NTSGA 2026 PGA Championship Pot were **Jim Gawley** and **Gary Mitchell**. See the write-up in this newsletter. The next Major Tournament Pot selections (U.S. Open) can be made at Bridlewood, June 17. \*\***Scottie Scheffler & Rory McIlroy** are still off the Board.
- Our event at Lantana on June 29, is a **Monday** tournament.
- The June 17<sup>th</sup> tournament at Bridlewood is the halfway point of our 2026 schedule. Have you played in at least 10 tournaments thus far? Remember, you need to participate in a minimum of 20 events to keep your membership active. New members' rounds are pro-rated depending on the month they joined NTSGA.

## BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE:

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| Chef Auston 18 <sup>th</sup>        | Kelly Case 27 <sup>th</sup>    | <b>John Champion</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> | Ed Collazo 4 <sup>th</sup>          |
| Greg Denzer 25 <sup>th</sup>        | Dave Dudley 16 <sup>th</sup>   | Brad Goethals 5 <sup>th</sup>         | <b>Mark Ingram</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| David Jenkins 16 <sup>th</sup>      | Rodger Jones 7 <sup>th</sup>   | *Jim Krause 30 <sup>th</sup>          | Robert Lederman 15 <sup>th</sup>    |
| Brad Mink 22 <sup>nd</sup>          | Mike Payne 23 <sup>rd</sup>    | Todd Ramage 7 <sup>th</sup>           | Chris Reid 15 <sup>th</sup>         |
| <b>Ben Sanford</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> | Larry Sanford 19 <sup>th</sup> | John Umberger 13 <sup>th</sup>        | *Mike Vestal 30 <sup>th</sup>       |
| Bernie Walker 14 <sup>th</sup>      | Rod Wells 26 <sup>th</sup>     |                                       |                                     |

\*Jim Krause & Mike Vestal are twins, only born to different parents.

## MAY TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

|   | Players | Percentage<br>of full field | Low Gross             | Low Net              |
|---|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| May 6 Watters Creek – Canceled, due to course mix-up. |         |                             |                       |                      |
| May 13 Oak Hollow                                     | 104     | 81%                         | <b>Butch Vaut</b> 70  | <b>Bob Duty</b> 65   |
| May 20 Waterview                                      | 92      | 71%                         | <b>Ray Kennedy</b> 70 | <b>Kelly Case</b> 62 |
| May 27 Buffalo Creek—Complete washout.                |         |                             |                       |                      |

## SCORECARDS....

The pre-printed scorecards have been a valuable asset to the Scoring Committee, since the member's names are all pre-printed. Occasionally, however, **Tournament Chairman Rod Wells** must move players to other carts at the last minute due to a no-show, sickness, etc. Please ensure the names on the card are correct and the scores that are recorded are for the correct member. With many new members recently joining, this confusion could easily happen. If you're unsure of a name, please ask the member.

## PUN INTENDED...

I shot a man with a paintball gun just to watch him dye!

## NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS:

June 3 Mesquite 7:30, Check-in table closes at 7:00.  
June 10 Waterchase 8:00  
June 17 Bridlewood 8:00  
June 24 Texas Star 8:00  
June 29 (Monday) Lantana 8:00



## DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES:

June 3 Mesquite (Mesquite) 972-270-7457; 827 North Hwy 67. Drive the LBJ freeway east. Exit at I-30 (towards Texarkana). Drive east and exit at Belt Line Rd. Cross over I-30 and turn left on the I-30 west bound service road. Course entrance ½ mile on right.

June 10 Waterchase (Arlington) 817-861-4653; 8951 Creek Run Rd. Take I-30 westbound, past the Rangers Ballpark and Cowboys stadium locations. Exit at Eastchase Pkwy., right turn to 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light. (John T. White Rd.) Turn right for 1 block. Right turn at Randol Mill Rd., drive ¼ mile, left turn at Creek Run Rd., (alongside apt. complex), course ½ mile on left.

June 17 Bridlewood (Flower Mound) 972-355-4800; 4000 W. Windsor Dr. Proceed north on I-35E, exit at FM1171/Main St. (Lewisville). Turn left (west), drive 5 ½ miles, right turn at Bridlewood Blvd. At 1<sup>st</sup> stop sign, turn right, course entrance on left.

June 24 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.

June 29 Lantana (Lantana) 940-728-4653; 800 Golf Club Dr. Drive north on I-35E (Stemmons Frwy) past Lewisville. Exit at FM407 (Justin Road) Exit #454A. At the traffic light, turn left and continue west for 6 miles. Turn right at Lantana Trail (2nd water tower and traffic light); drive 1.2 miles (divided road), turn right at Golf Club Dr., leads to clubhouse.

## 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.

## PGA CHAMPIONSHIP POOL – 2026

This year's PGA Championship was played at Aronimink Golf Club, outside of Philadelphia. The course would test the pro's games with undulating treacherous greens, narrow fairways and numerous sand traps. Hole #11 contained 21 bunkers!

Forty-eight selections were made by NTSGA members in hopes of selecting the winning combo of pros to win this year's PGA pot. Scottie Scheffler and Rory McIlroy were removed from the eligible selections for this tournament.

After Round 1, a 7-way tie ensued and none of the leaders had been selected by NTSGA members in this year's PGA pool. The most popular selections made by NTSGA members were Cam Young, Ludvig Avberg, Matt Fitzpatrick and Tommy Fleetwood. Weather conditions would not be a factor in this year's Championship, but still, none of the popular PGA players were at the top after the opening round, led by Aldrich Potgieter, Stephan Jaeger and Rye Hisatsune.

The end of Round 2 knocked out 18 selections made by NTSGA members including Bryson DeChambeau, Akshay Bhatia, Tommy Fleetwood, Keegan Bradley, Viktor Hovland, Gary Woodland and J.J. Spaun.

Round 3 ended with a relatively unknown...Alex Smalley leading the field by 2 strokes. In pursuit to catch Smalley was Ludvig Aberg, Jon Rahm, Aaron Rai, Matti Schmid and Nick Taylor. The NTSGA households of **Gary Mitchell, Joe Bob Wheeler, Gene Lindsey, Jim Gawley** and **Rick Wiley** were excited as they had Pot selections that could provide them with 1<sup>st</sup> place payoffs. In Sunday's final round, the pro's played well, but couldn't catch Englishman Aaron Rai. He made one spectacular shot after another and several long eagle/birdie putts to win this year's PGA Championship and take home the Wanamaker trophy. He bettered the field of fellow pros by 3 strokes.

The winners of this year's NTSGA PGA Championship Pool were **Jim Gawley** and **Gary Mitchell**, each selecting Jon Rahm (T2) & Ludvig Aberg (T4): \$102.00 ea. Third place awarded to **Gene Edmondson** selecting Jon Rahm(T2) & Xander Schauffele (T7): \$36.00.

The next major championship selections for NTSGA members will be at Bridlewood (June 17) for the U.S. Open. Scottie Scheffler & Rory McIlroy will still be off the board.

## CONGRATULATIONS: JIM GAWLEY & GARY MITCHELL!

Old age has come at a bad time, just as I was beginning to know everything, I'm now forgetting everything I knew!

Many thanks to the 113 members who came out to play Buffalo Creek. The heavy rains forced cancellation of the tournament. Credit will be given to those members who started play and green fees collected will be deposited into the members' Bank.

*Rod*



