

NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 2026

- **Kent Hunold** shot a sparkling 67 at the Irving Golf Club, the low round of the year, so far.
- The winners of the NTSGA Masters Pot were **Chris Arenas, Russ Manley & David Tovar**, see the write-up in this newsletter.
- The professional golf tournaments come to the Metroplex this month. The CJ Cup Byron Nelson at Craig Ranch May 21-24, the Charles Schwab Challenge at Colonial C.C. in Ft. Worth May 28-31.
- Selections for the PGA Championship Pool can be made at Oak Hollow on May 13, or by email (pfahs57@yahoo.com) before 7:00 am, May 14th. Scottie Scheffler & Rory McIlroy are off the board.
- In last months newsletter a statement was made that even if a player misses the cut at The Masters, they still receive \$10,000, actually they receive \$25,000!
- **Bob Duty** made a Hole-In-One last month, see the write-up in this newsletter.

BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY:

Ron Adams 18 th	Rene Arenas 20 th	Rob Bennett 4 th	Frank Chavarria 17 th
Billy Cunningham 25 th	Phil Fahs 15 th	Jim Gawley 16 th	Dave Kinnamore 20 th
Roger Legge 9 th	Russ Manley 8 th	Howard Merner 24 th	Joe Ries 3 rd
Russell Smeed 31 st	Jim Staron 5 th	Brian Stricker 31 st	Tim Strobel 21 st
Ron Swanson 6 th			

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

APRIL TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Apr. 1 Irving G.C.	139	108%	Kent Hunold 67	Greg English 65 Robert Lederman 65
Apr. 8 Watters Creek	137	107%	Jack Whitling 71	Marc Wedding 66
Apr. 15 Tierra Verde	111	86%	Bart Dickinson 70	Denver Roden 66
Apr. 22 Sky Creek Ranch	112	87%	Rob Ruth 71	Dave Kinnamore 68 Rob Ruth 68
Apr.29 Country View	40	31%	Jack Whitling 71	Tracy Rodden 65

PUN INTENDED...

Insect puns really bug me!

NEXT 4 TOURNAMENTS:

May 6 Watters Creek 8:00

May 13 Oak Hollow 8:00

May 20 Waterview 8:00

May 27 Buffalo Creek 8:00

Judging by the frying pan
that just flew by my head,
I did something wrong.

I can't wait to find out
what it was.

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES...

May 6 Watters Creek (Allen) 972-517-7777; 7201 Chase Oaks Blvd. Drive I-75 (Central Expwy). Exit at Legacy Dr., turn west. At 3rd traffic light, (Chase Oaks Blvd) turn right. Course ½ mile on left.

May 13 Oak Hollow (McKinney) 972-562-0670; 3005 N. McDonald St. Drive north on Central Expy (I-75) to McKinney. Continue north past Hwy 380 for ¾ mile. Turn right on Wilmeth Rd, drive 1 mile to dead end (McDonald St.). Right turn, course entrance on right.

May 20 Waterview (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 2nd 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.

May 27 Buffalo Creek (Rockwall) 972-771-4003; 624 Country Club Dr. Drive the George Bush Turnpike east/south (it ends at I-30). Merge onto I-30 east. Go across lake, exit at Horizon Rd. Turn right, drive across Ridge Rd. (traffic light). Immediately past hospital, turn right onto Tubbs Rd. (7-11 store on left). Road changes name to White Rd. as it winds through residential area paralleling golf course. At the stop sign (Country Club Rd.) turn left. Drive ¼ mile, course entrance on right.

USGA RULES...

The “teeing ground” is the starting place for the hole to be played. It is a rectangular area two club lengths in depth, the front and the sides of which are defined by the outside limits of two tee markers. A ball is outside the teeing ground when all of it lies outside of the teeing ground. A player may stand outside the teeing ground to strike the ball within the teeing ground. Playing a ball from outside of the teeing ground, the player incurs a penalty of two strokes and must then play a ball from within the “teeing ground”.

HOLE-IN-ONE: BOB DUTY

NTSGA has been playing golf now for 3 months in 2026 and already the 3rd Hole-in-One has been recorded. **Bob Duty** aced Hole #6 at Texas Rangers GC on March 18. Bob hit 8 iron 116 yards into the cup in front of playing partners **Greg Denzer, Ben Orgain** and **Jeff Taylor**. Growing up in Houston, **Bob** attended local schools furthering his education at Lamar University in Beaumont. Following his undergraduate degree, **Bob** acquired his Master's degree in Industrial Engineering from Texas A & M University. Upon graduation, **Bob** worked for the US Army in the Ammunition Procurement and Supply department. He then worked for the Pettibone Corporation, manufactures of heavy industrial handling equipment including large cranes, front end loaders and earth moving equipment in support of railroad maintenance and the oil and gas industry. He additionally served as Vice President of Risk Management for the Hyatt Hotel chain, Greyhound Bus Line and still owns his own Risk Management Consulting Firm. **Bob** has been playing golf with NTSGA now for 7 years. NTSGA is happy to add \$200.00 to Bob's Bank, in addition to having talented water color artist member, Wayne Mueller paint a celebratory picture for **Bob**.



CONGRATULATIONS, BOB DUTY!

A man is getting dressed in the gym, and he's putting a girdle on. His friend asks, "When did you start wearing that?" He says, "Ever since my wife found it in the glove compartment of my car. "



AGE SHOOTERS – APRIL:

Chris Arenas 4/1 Irving GC 76
Jalil Daneshfar 4/1 Irving GC 77
Gerald Gotcher 4/1 Irving GC 80
Tom McMahan 4/1 Irving GC 83
Jack Thompson 4/1 Irving GC 75
Butch Vaut 4/1 Irving GC 74
Joe Bob Wheeler 4/1 Irving GC 77
Jack Thompson 4/1 Watters Creek 78
Butch Vaut 4/1 Watters Creek 81
David Kneer 4/15 Tierra Verde 73
Jim Krause 4/15 Tierra Verde 77
Rob Ruth 4/22 Sky Creek Ranch 71

MASTERS POOL – 2026

The 2026 Masters tournament got underway with forecast weather conditions of crystal-clear blue skies and sunshine for the entire four days.

The overwhelming favorite of all NTSGA members were the world's #1 player, Scottie Scheffler. Other popular picks included Bryson

DeChambeau, Rory McIlroy, Tommy Fleetwood, Ludvig Aberg and Xander Schauffele. Thirty selections were made for Scheffler, but the key was

selecting the correct partner to pair with him. Defending champion, Rory McIlroy along with Sam Burns set the tone after Thursday's round, both shooting sparkling 67's to lead the field of players. Patrick Reed electrified the patrons on Day 1 as he made 2 eagles on the front side of his opening round.

Rory McIlroy distanced himself from the field by playing a flawless 2nd round, recording a 7 under score of 65, which is the largest lead over the field in the history of the Masters after 2 rounds. He made 4 straight birdies to end his round and led the field by 6 strokes. NTSGA members were hopeful they had selected the correct combo pick to couple with McIlroy. High scores by Bryson DeChambeau, Robert MacIntyre, J.J. Spaun, Akshay Bhatia and Min Woo Lee knocked out 34 combo selections as they all missed the cut.

Round 3 started with what appeared to be a Rory McIlroy runaway, as he led the field by 6 strokes. But this is the Masters tournament and anything can happen and usually does on the weekend in Augusta. Hitting many shots from the pine straw and under tree limbs, McIlroy's lead disappeared in a hurry. Long hitting Cam Young played steady golf and caught McIlroy while shooting 65 when Rory recorded a 73. Shane Lowry made a Hole-in-One on Hole #6 to the delight of thousands of patrons and would be beginning Sunday's final round only 2 strokes from the lead. None of the NTSGA members selections included Lowry. Veterans Jason Day and Justin Rose were still within striking distance, only 4 strokes from the lead. Also closing in on the lead was the World's #1 player...Scottie Scheffler after recording a tidy 65 on Saturday. Beginning Sunday's final round, there was a lot of excitement in the NTSGA households of Jalil Daneshfar, Bob Lewis, Russ Manley, Frank Smith, David Tovar, Rob Ruth, Terry Gambill and Gene Edmondson as they all had combo selections within striking distance to win the Masters Pot. McIlroy made double bogey on #4 early in the final round and quickly surrendered the lead to Cam Young. Bogeys continued to plague the leaders and at the turn the new leader was Justin Rose. McIlroy regained the lead and teed off on #18 with a 2-stroke advantage. However, pressure reared its ugly head as McIlroy hit his drive on 18 into the trees on the right side of the fairway. He scrambled well, however, with a punch shot right of the green followed by a beautiful chip settling 3" from the cup. One small putt and Rory McIlroy became a back-to-back champion at the 2026 Masters tournament.



CONGRATULATIONS: CHRIS ARENAS, RUSS MANLEY & DAVID

TOVAR (1st place tie: Rory McIlroy/Scottie Scheffler: \$157.00 ea.). 2nd place tie: Rene Arenas, Terry Gambill (Scottie Scheffler/Cam Young: \$42.00 each).

