

NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 2025

- One-year NTSGA member, **Bill Jackson** won the Senior Division of the 2025 Dallas Amateur Championship Golf Tournament, a 54-hole event played over the Cedar Crest Golf Course. Congratulations, **Bill Jackson**!
- We altered the print read-out on our pre-printed scorecards. See the accompanying article in this newsletter regarding scorecards.
- Eight-year NTSGA member **Mike Jones** shot a sparkling 65 at The Bridges Golf Club in Gunter on Sept. 10. His score tied the course record from the white tees. Congratulations, **Mike Jones**!
- Voting will take place for the Board of Directors serving 2026-2028. All candidates are unopposed, but a confidence vote by members at our tournament sites would be appreciated. The sample ballot is in this newsletter and ballots will be available at all of our tournament sites during October.
- The **NTSGA** Club Champions for 2025 are **Rick Steeno** (back tee) & **Chris Arenas** (forward tee). See the results of the Club Championship in this newsletter.
- Twelve new members join NTSGA this month, see their introductions in this newsletter.

BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER...

Chris Arenas 14 th	Greg English 4 th	Dick Fargo 6 th	Terry Gambill 14 th
Randy George 30 th	Randy Grimes 18 th	Stu Kambury 12 th	Russ Medlin 19 th
Randy Morgan 5 th	Wayne Mueller 31 st	Tracy Rodden 9 th	Jim Rowley 24 th
Glen Sardella 5 th	Brent Smithers 23 rd	Bill Sturtz 10 th	Yuji Suzuki 29 th
Tracy Tyler 11 th	Bobby Vetkoetter 23 rd	Harry Walsh 7 th	Joe Bob Wheeler 24 th
Gary Zimmerman 15 th			

SEPTEMBER TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Sept. 3 Tierra Verde	126	98%	Bill Jackson 68 Ray Kennedy 68	Tom McMahan 66
Sept. 10 The Bridges	113	88%	Mike Jones 65	Scott Brock 64
Sept. 17 Luna Vista	119	92%	Ray Kennedy 68	Jim Gawley 63
Sept. 22 Woodbridge	93	72%	David Kneer 73	John Thompson 67
Sept 24 Buffalo Creek	100	78%	Rick Steeno 74	Robert Lederman 61

PUN INTENDED...

I went to buy some camouflage trousers yesterday, but couldn't find any!

NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS:

Oct. 1 Bridlewood 8:00
Oct. 8 Waterview 8:00
Oct. 15 Tangleridge 8:00
Oct. 22 Watters Creek 8:00
Oct. 29 Buffalo Creek 8:00

My Wife texted me a selfie in
a new dress and asked
"Does this make my butt look
big?"

I texted back "Noo!"

My phone autocorrected my
response to "Moo!"

Please send help!

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES...

Oct. 1 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 1st stop sign, turn right, course entrance on left.

Oct. 8 Waterview (Rowlett) (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.

Oct. 15 Tangleridge (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 approximately 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.

Oct. 22 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.

Oct. 29 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 the 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.

NEW SCORECARDS:

NTSGA altered the scorecards slightly, by eliminating the signature lines and adding blocks for individual players initials, after verifying the accuracy of his scores. The Scoring Committee is being lenient to this new procedure for the first month, but here are the mistakes made on the scorecards at the The Bridges tournament:

- 1) One player put his initials in the wrong box.
- 2) One scorecard had net scores in the initials box. We don't need net scores; the computer electronically commutes that number.
- 3) Three scorecards had numbers added incorrectly. The computer checks the numbers.
- 4) One scorecard had no initials from any player.
- 5) Twenty-two scorecards were perfect...Thank You.

What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo? One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter!

SIGN-IN TABLE:

The Sign-in table closes at **7:30** for all tournaments. At that point **Tournament Chairman Rod Wells** makes any pairing changes, moves members to different carts, if necessary, puts his clubs on his cart and makes any pertinent announcements prior to the carts leaving the staging area. If you are running late due to accidents, traffic, car won't start, dog ate your keys, etc. call Rod (214) 629-6707 or the pro-shop and they will get a message to **Rod**. The pro-shop phone numbers are always listed in the monthly newsletter under 'Directions to Golf Courses'.

BIG NEWS:

Former member and friend to many NTSGA golfers, **BOB MURPHY** will turn the ripe young age of 103 on Oct. 6. If you would like to send a card to Bob, his address is:

3033 E. Hebron Pkwy, Apt. 1218

Carrollton, TX 75010

Bob's phone number is 904-563-7771

He played golf with NTSGA for 14 years and shot his age 93 times.

AGE SHOOTERS: SEPTEMBER

Mike Barker 9/3 Tierra Verde 78
Jalil Daneshfar 9/3 Tierra Verde 76
Ted Dunson 9/3 Tierra Verde 79
Ray Kennedy 9/3 Tierra Verde 68
Tom McMahan 9/3 Tierra Verde 77
Dave Patrick 9/3 Tierra Verde 72
Pete Archbold 9/10 The Bridges 79
Jalil Daneshfar 9/10 The Bridges 73
Gerald Gotcher 9/10 The Bridges 77
Mike Jones 9/10 The Bridges 65
Jim Krause 9/10 The Bridges 75
Daniel Luttrell 9/10 The Bridges 68
Dave Patrick 9/10 The Bridges 71
Jalil Daneshfar 9/17 Luna Vista 74
Phil Fahs 9/17 Luna Vista 86
Jim Gawley 9/17 Luna Vista 70
Ray Kennedy 9/17 Luna Vista 68
Tom McMahan 9/17 Luna Vista 84
Jack Thompson 9/17 Luna Vista 77
Butch Vaut 9/17 Luna Vista 81
Joe Bob Wheeler 9/17 Luna Vista 77
Jim Gawley 9/22 Woodbridge 81
Jim Krause 9/22 Woodbridge 78
Tom McMahan 9/22 Woodbridge 84
Jim Rowley 9/22 Woodbridge 81
Butch Vaut 9/22 Woodbridge 75
Jim Gawley 9/24 Buffalo Creek 84
Jim Rowley 9/24 Buffalo Creek 81
Butch Vaut 9/24 Buffalo Creek 79

**Do you ever wake
up, kiss the person
sleeping beside you,
and feel glad that
you are alive?
I just did and
apparently will not
be allowed on this
airline again....**

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.

My wife didn't order
anything from
Amazon yesterday
so the UPS guy
knocked on our
door to see if we're
okay.

NEW MEMBERS-OCTOBER

Ron Adams – Grand Prairie

Tom Bruckman – Dallas

Kent Hunold – McKinney

Jeff Lettieri - Irving

Daniel Luttrell – Rockwall

Howard Merner- Farmers Branch

Brian Stricker - Prosper

Bill Sturtz – Addison

Tracy Tyler – Dallas

Bernie Walker – Plano

Arnold Wilson – Decatur

Jeff Wilson - Colleyville

ELECTRONIC SCORING via CELL PHONE:

You can use our Electronic Scorecard (your cell phone) as one of the backups while keeping score on the course. It does the math for you! (Hole scores don't get saved until you touch Next Hole, Previous Hole or Scorecard. Touch a hole button at the bottom to go directly to a hole for review).

Use your phone browser (Safari, Firefox, Chrome, etc.) and navigate to

<https://scorecard.ntsga.org/> The first time you do, it will prompt you for your member password (first four characters of your last name in lower case followed by mmdd of your birthday, ex: hoga0831. It looks similar to the "Next Round" page, so you can use express check-in to pay by credit card, see pairings, handicaps, your two-man teams list and post your scores (only active the day of the tournament.)

If you bookmark the link to your home screen, it will be easily available in the future.

****Our pre-printed scorecards must be submitted to the Scoring Committee. The electronic scorecard on your mobile phone is used to double check the scoring on the pre-printed scorecards.**

Any questions about this procedure should be directed to Technology/Handicap Chm./Webmaster Howie Bacharach (410-507-2932).

Medical Term

Artery
Barium
Benign
Cauterize

Redneck Definition

The Study of Paintings
What doctors do when patients die
What you be, after you be eight
Made eye contact with her

2025 NTSGA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:

Tournament Format: Individual Stroke Play

Round 1: Woodbridge GC, Monday 9/22/25

Round 2: Buffalo Creek GC, Wednesday 9/24/25

Club Champions:

Back Tee: **Rick Steeno** 74-76: 150 \$150.00

Front Tee: **Chris Arenas** 81-79: 160 \$150.00

Club Championship Flight Winners: (Club Champions are Excluded)

First Flight – Back (1.9 - 9.9)

(1) **Butch Vaut** 154-145 \$100.00

(2) **Jon Traver** 152-147 \$75.00

First Flight – Forward (10.6 – 19.8)

(1) **Jim Rowley** 162-145 \$100.00

(2) **Tim Strobel** 174-147 \$75.00

Second Flight – Back (10.0 – 14.4)

(1) **Rick Wiley** 167-145 \$100.00

(2) **Terry Latham** (164-146) \$75.00

Second Flight – Forward (19.9 – 29.7)

(1) **Ron Cremer** 181-143 \$100.00

(2) **Mike Vestal** 183-145 \$75.00

Third Flight – Back (14.5 – 24.5)

(1) **Scott Brock** 169-140 \$88.00

(1) **Robert Lederman** 185-140 \$88.00

VOTE: 2026-2028

All Board positions are unopposed. For a confirmation vote, vote for all candidates by checking this box: ☐

President: Harry Walsh____

Vice President: Roger Ball____

Past President: Gerald Gotcher____

Secy./Membership Chm: Phil Fahs____

Treasurer: Rick Wiley:____

Tournament Chm: Rod Wells____

Technology/Hcp.Chm./Webmaster: Howie Bacharach____

Directors: Gene Edmondson____

Bert Hayslip____

Tom McMahan____

Greg Windsor____

FUNNY...

In church an elderly woman stood up and began “Most of you know me and my husband. We have the farm down near the creek. Well, a couple of months ago my husband had an accident, which is why you haven’t seen him at a service in a long time until today. You see, he was working on his plow when it fell on him and crushed his scrotum.” Every male in the congregation suddenly groaned and crossed their legs.

He was in such tremendous pain that he could hardly breathe.”

Again, all the men nodded their heads in empathy.

“But those doctors were miracle workers and they performed this delicate operation and were able to reconstruct the remains of his scrotum using wire to reinforce and shape it.” Three men had to excuse themselves, and threw up outside.

“Well, of course he couldn’t sleep on his stomach or even hug us or anything.”

“But yesterday, the doctor said he was well enough to come to church today. So, I want thank the Good Lord for healing my husband’s crushed scrotum.”

The church erupted in cheers and the husband stood up to acknowledge their good wishes.

And then he spoke, “Thank you very much, but I’d like to make one correction, if I may. The word my wife meant to say was sternum. I had a crushed sternum.”

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Happy Halloween to all!!

Phil