

NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

The 2026 **Club Championship** will be played this month at Irving GC (Day 1), Sept. 22 and Buffalo Creek (Day 2), Sept 23. You may play 1 or 2 days, but you must play both days in order to be eligible to win the Championship. The reigning Club Champions are **Rick Steeno** (back tees) and **Chris Arenas** (forward tees).

- **Brad Goethals** made an eagle on the tough par 5, #3 hole at Waterchase and also on the par 5, #18 hole at Gentle Creek C.C.
- The Dallas Cowboys start their 2026 season and cooler weather is right around the corner...stay hydrated!
- **Terry Latham** made an eagle on the starting par 5, #1 hole at Sherrill Park.
- Ninety-six members have already satisfied the 20 round annual requirement for rounds played. There are 14 tournaments remaining on our schedule, with the possibility of adding 3 more.
- **Rick Wiley** made an eagle on the tough par 4, #13 hole at Watters Creek.
- Scottie Scheffler has already earned \$23M without even competing in the FedEx Cup Championship, due to his #1 ranking in the season-long points race.
- **Craig Brooks** continued the eagle barrage by making a nice eagle on Hole #10 at Gentle Creek C.C.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR SEPTEMBER

Jay Bengston 3 rd	Dan Bertschi 28 th	Johnny Castillo 26 th	Scott Daum 20 th
Gary Delcambre 5 th	Carlos Gaona 27 th	Steve Horner 24 th	Pete Huff 13 th
Bill Jackson 24 th	Lorenzo Johnson 14 th	David Kemp 9 th	Gary Ledbetter 8 th
Charlie Lopez 10 th	David Martin 13 th	Phil Mathura 30 th	George Miller 30 th
Dave Patrick 19 th	Jerry Poulen 12 th	Rob Ruth 4 th	Jim Schrewsbury 23 rd
Rick Steeno 22 nd			

AUGUST TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Aug. 5 Waterchase	123	96%	Rob Ruth 71	Bruce Kinna 63
Aug 12 Sherrill Park	138	107%	Jack Whitling 67	Larry Sanford 62
Aug 19 Watters Creek	115	89%	Jay Wojnas 71	Rene Arenas 66
Aug 24 Gentle Creek	100	78%	Jack Whitling 68	Jeff Taylor 65
Aug 26 Texas Star	119	92%	Bart Dickinson 69	Bart Dickinson 65

PUN INTENDED...

The little mermaid wears seashells, A & B shells are too small.

NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS...

Sept. 2 Tierra Verde (Arlington)

Sept. 9 Luna Vista (Dallas)

Sept. 16 Mesquite (Mesquite)

Sept. 22 Irving GC (Irving) Club Championship, Day 1

Sept. 23 Buffalo Creek (Rockwall) Club Championship, Day 2

Sept. 30 Tangleridge (Grand Prairie)

**Me: Just had my
physical today and the
doctor says I'm a beast!**

**Wife: No dear, he said
you are obese.**

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

Sept. 2 Tierra Verde (Arlington) 817-478-8500; 7005 Golf Club

Dr. Take I-20 west past Hwy 360, turn south on Hwy 287 towards Mansfield for approx. 2½ miles, exit at Eden Road (2nd exit south of I-20). At stop sign turn right for ½ mile. Left turn at entrance to Martin Luther King Sports Center. Second driveway on left leads into clubhouse.

Sept. 9 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.

Sept. 16 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.

Sept. 22 Irving GC (Irving) 972-457-0772 2000 E. Shady Grove Rd. Drive I-35E, bear right to get on Loop 12 South towards Irving. Pass Hwy 183 and drive 2 ½ miles south. Exit at Shady Grove, turn left, course entrance on right.

Sept. 23 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.

Sept. 30 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.

NEW PROCEDURE:

In an attempt to shorten our tournament times, we will try a new procedure: The 8:00 start time carts will actually leave the staging area at 7:45 and proceed to their starting holes. Precisely at 8:00, air horns that were placed in designated carts will sound. This will be the signal for all 18 holes to begin play, all at the same time. Feedback should be relayed back to the Tournament Chairman, Rod Wells regarding this trial procedure.

RESIGNATION:

Longtime NTSGA member **Harry Schmidt** has resigned, as he is moving to Colorado. Harry enjoyed playing golf with NTSGA for 19 years. He wished to say goodbye to all of his golfing buddies and acquaintances he's made over the years of playing golf here in Texas. Save travels, **Harry!**

AGE SHOOTERS -- AUGUST

Jim Krause 8/5 Waterchase 83

Tom McMahan 8/5 Waterchase 83

Rob Ruth 8/5 Waterchase 71

Jack Thompson 8/5 Waterchase 79

Jim Gawley 8/12 Sherrill Park 83

Gerald Gotcher 8/12 Sherrill Park 82

Ronnie Green 8/12 Sherrill Park 78

Jim Krause 8/12 Sherrill Park 74

Bill Manser 8/12 Sherrill Park 77

Tom McMahan 8/12 Sherrill Park 84

Jack Thompson 8/12 Sherrill Park 75

Jim Gawley 8/19 Watters Creek 83

Butch Vaut 8/19 Watters Creek 79

Rob Ruth 8/24 Gentle Creek C.C. 72

Jim Gawley 8/26 Texas Star 85

Jim Krause 8/26 Texas Star 78

Rob Ruth 8/26 Texas Star 70

Ben Sanford 8/26 Texas Star 75



I went to our VFW last night and saw a BIG woman dancing on a table.

I said, "Good legs."

The girl giggled and said, "Do you really think so?"

I said, "Definitely! Most tables would have collapsed by now."

Cost me 6 more stitches, but when you're over seventy.... who cares?

EXPRESS CHECK-IN: Use of credit card, Member's Bank or Off Books

At a recent Board of Directors meeting, it was decided that there was no need for an Express Check-In member to stand in the Check-In line. If a member signs-in for a tournament via Express Check-In, he will assumed to be "in attendance". He can unload his clubs, go straight to the assigned cart then proceed to the driving range, if desired. He can obtain his starting hole from the website (Next Round) tab, the night before the event. He will still have to check-in with the Skins Coordinators and 2-man team Coordinator, if he intends to compete in those optional events. If an Express Check-In member has to cancel or fails to show up, the Check-In funds will be deposited back into the members Bank, to be used as a carryover for another tournament.

What did our parents do to kill boredom before the internet? I asked my 26 brothers and sisters and they didn't know either.

NTSGA RULES REVIEW:

NTSGA adheres to USGA rules with exceptions to allow for more favorable playing conditions and the enjoyment of all members. One rule that seems to be violated is pertaining to bunker play. If a ball rests in wet sand and the trap has areas of dry sand, the ball may be lifted, dry sand raked and ball dropped in the raked sand. The ball should be dropped from knee height and not placed on the dry sand. Pebbles, rocks, leaves, twigs, grass, etc. may now be removed from a bunker without penalty under the new rule changes of 2019. If there are no dry areas in the bunker, drop the ball in front of the bunker within one club length from the front edge of the bunker in line where the ball lay and the hole, no closer to the hole. There is no penalty. The bunker should be between the player and the green. The other playing partners should agree on the correct action to be taken if a ball is to be repositioned.

SLOW PLAY:

At a recent Board of Directors meeting, the topic of Slow Play consumed much of the Directors time. It has been a hot topic for NTSGA for years. We cannot tolerate 5 ½ to 6-hour rounds for our tournaments. The following decision has been rendered by the Board:

A course Marshall will be used (from either golf course personnel or a non-playing NTSGA member). He will monitor play during our rounds. If a foursome falls a hole behind, they will receive a WARNING, to pick up the pace. If this foursome falls 2 holes behind, they will be told to drive past the next hole and proceed to the next hole, all members incurring a triple bogey score on the skipped hole.

The Board of Directors does not want to fall into the disgrace of our loyal members, but the decision had to be made to reduce lengthy rounds of golf during our Wednesday tournaments.

The solution is very simple: **Keep up with the group ahead!**

Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

FUNNY:

A couple makes a deal that whoever died first would come back and inform the other if there is sex after death. The biggest fear was that there was no after life at all.

After a long life together, the husband was the first to die.

True to his word, he made the first contact: “Marion, Marion.”

"Is that you, Bob?" answered his wife.

"Yes, I've come back to report to you as we agreed."

“That’s wonderful! What’s it like?”

“Well, I wake up in the morning and have sex. I have breakfast then another round of sex and then it’s off to the golf course.”

"I have sex again, bathe in the warm sun and then have sex a couple more times."

“Then I have lunch, you’d be proud...lots of greens. Another romp around the golf course, then pretty much have sex the rest of the afternoon.”

“After supper, it’s back to the golf course again. Then it’s more sex until late at night. I catch some much-needed sleep and then the next day it starts all over again.”

“Oh, Bob! Are you in Heaven?”

“No...I’m a rabbit somewhere in Arizona!”

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Phil