

NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 2015

- We are only 2 months away from electing Officers/Directors for 2016. See the Voting article in this newsletter.
- The NTSGA Ryder Cup team was victorious over the Sherrill Park Seniors in a Ryder Cup match played at Watters Creek on July 6. Read the article in this newsletter.
- There are 23 tournaments remaining on our golf schedule for this year.
- An easy-to-carry (in your golf bag) version of the NTSGA rules were distributed last month. If you still do not have a copy, see Tournament Chairman, Rod Wells or Secy. Phil Fahs.
- To give you an idea of the caliber of golfers that play with the North Texas Senior Golf Association.....37 members have single digit handicaps. Congratulations to these members who are playing terrific golf.
- As an incentive to sign up for Sherrill Park, members who sign up will be exempt from being dropped from The Tribute tournament on August 12.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR AUGUST

Howie Bacharach 9 th	Gerry Brunworth 27 th	Page Carwile 4 th	John Corson 24 th
Ollie Cromwell 25 th	Gene Edmondson 22 nd	Jay Houston 1 st	Billy King 20 th
Larry Lucas 29 th	Tom McMahan 25 th	John Ogrizovich 14 th	Joe Philpott 17th
Bucky Taylor 20 th	Steve Vredenburg 30 th	Ken Wagner 17th	Lloyd Whitson 3 rd
Greg Windsor 6 th			

JULY TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
July 1 Lantana	123	96%	David Miller 75 Ken Wagner 75	Jerry Walker 64
July 8 Waterview	124	96%	Doug Shackelford 73	Sid Thrash 62
July 15 Watters Creek	129	101%	Ken Wagner 71	John Owens 63
July 20 Stonebriar C.C.	105	82%	Rich Carmen 74 Mike Hatfield 74	Rich Carmen 67
July 22 Buffalo Creek	95	74%	Ken Wagner 73	J.D. Caywood 65
July 29 Tangleridge	101	78%	Bob Wands 73	Bob Wands 63

NEXT 6 TOURNAMENTS

Aug 5 Sherrill Park (#2)	8:00	
Aug 12 The Tribute	8:00	
Aug 17 (MON) Hackberry Creek C. C.	8:00	
Aug 19 WestRidge	8:00	
Aug 26 Luna Vista	8:00	
Sept 2 Hurricane Creek C.C.	8:00	Includes buffet lunch

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

Aug 5 Sherrill Park (Richardson) 972-234-1416; 2001 E. Lookout Dr. Drive the George Bush Turnpike east of Central Expy. Exit at Jupiter; turn south for approx. 1 mile. Right turn at E. Lookout Drive, golf course straight ahead.

Aug 12 The Tribute (The Colony) 972-370-5465; 1000 Lebanon Rd. From Hwy 121 (Sam Rayburn Tollway) and Josey Ln./Main St./Hwy 423 drive north (through The Colony) for 4.1 miles. Observe cones and construction for the entire 4.1 miles. At Lebanon (stop light, Walgreens on left) turn left. Drive 3 miles through residential area (pass the Old American Golf Club on the left). At Dead End, turn right into The Tribute parking lot.

Aug 17 Hackberry Creek C.C. (Irving) 972-869-2631; 1901 W. Royal Ln. Drive the George Bush Turnpike (west/south). Take the 1st exit after passing over I-635 LBJ Frwy (Royal Lane/Hwy 114/Gateway Dr.) After exiting, make a quick right turn onto the street just prior to the new building (Texas Center for Proton Therapy). Turn right and follow the road to the stop sign, then turn right again. Drive .2 mile, course entrance on right.

Aug 19 WestRidge (McKinney) 972-346-2212; 9055 Cotton Ridge Road North. Take I-75 north to McKinney, exit at Virginia Pkwy. Turn left (west) and drive 5.5 miles to Custer Rd. (FM 2478); turn left (south) for ½ mile, course entrance on right.

Aug 26 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 2 Hurricane Creek C.C. (Anna) 972-924-3247; 1800 Fairway Lane. Take I-75 (Central Expy) north, exit at Anna (Truck Stop), turn left go over I-75, right turn onto the west service road. Caution: Yield to traffic exiting I-75. Drive 1.7 miles (north). Left turn at small sign, leads to club.

CONGRATULATIONS, to 3 year NTSGA member, Dave Dreiling, the recently elected mayor of Greenville, Texas!

DALLAS RYDER CUP

The NTSGA Ryder Cup team defeated the Sherrill Park Seniors on July 6 at Watters Creek. The 12 member team won 5 matches and tied one match to claim the 5 ½ - ½ victory. Alternate shot was played for 9 holes followed by 9 holes of best ball. Several NTSGA teams had to rally from 2 down to eventually claim victory. President Chris Haas congratulated each member coming off the 18th green and Secy. Phil Fahs provided scoring results. A great victory for the North Texas Seniors Golf Association!

	NTSGA	SPSGA
Phil Abel & John Opiela d. Jerry Wight & Dan Linscott 2&1	1	
Doug Shackelford & David Miller, Dudley Gage & Paul Martin AS	½	½
Rod Wells & Al Alcantara d. Mike Dinsdale & Bill Goodman 3&2	1	
Roger Ball & Johnny Russo d. Paul Eisenberger & Mike Chalk 7&5	1	
Danny Millaway & Stan Robertson d. Bill Wilson & Bill Vernier 2up	1	
Bobby Wood & Greg Windsor d. Jerry Wilson & Jim Belew 4&3	1	
	5 ½	½



L to R: Greg Windsor, Rod Wells, David Miller, Roger Ball, Phil Abel, Doug Shackelford, Danny Millaway, Stan Robertson, Johnny Russo, Bobby Wood, John Opiela and Al Alcantara

I was visiting my daughter last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper. "Dad, this is the 21st century" she said. "We don't waste money on newspapers. Here use my iPad."

"I can tell you this....that fly never knew what hit him!"

MENDING.....

Frank Arthur underwent a neck fusion and hopes to start playing golf in Sept.....**Bill Rogers** had an epidural injection in his back, is now rehabbing and hopes to play golf again soon.....**Kelly Parks** is a care giver for his sister, since she fell and broke her hip. He is hopeful to play golf again soon.....**Gary McCool** suffers from vertigo/dizzy spells and hopes to start playing golf again in Sept.....**John Kandal** suffered ligament damage in his forearm and will be sidelined for a couple months....Handicap Chairman and Webmaster, **Howie Bacharach** is laying low while recovering from a blood clot extracted from his leg. He hopes to play in our tournaments again in mid-August.....**Rusty Stricker** has been advised to remain out of the sun for 6 months. He may not be able to play anymore this year.....**Brian Ellman** has a health problem that will force him to miss our tournaments for at least 6 weeks....**John Corson** is undergoing radiation therapy and hopes to continue playing golf in October.....**Howard Winters** is currently rehabbing back and knee issues and hopes to start playing golf again soon.....Asst. Tournament Chairman, **Tom Lymenstull** took a fall and had not played for about a month, however, he rejoined us at Buffalo Creek and hopes to continue playing on a regular basis.

AGE SHOOTERS.....JULY

Jay Houston 7/8 Waterview (76)
David Miller 7/8 Waterview (76)
Bob Murphy 7/8 Waterview (86)
Chris Haas 7/15 Watters Creek (76)
David Miller 7/15 Watters Creek (76)
Ken Wagner 7/15 Watters Creek (71)
Rich Carmen 7/20 Stonebriar C.C. (74)
Harold Lockman 7/20 Stonebriar C.C. (79)
J.D. Caywood 7/20 Buffalo Creek (77)
Gene Kurihara 7/20 Buffalo Creek (74)
Bill Roll 7/20 Buffalo Creek (80)
Bob Wands 7/29 Tangleridge (73)



SAD NEWS: Joe Bennett's wife, Barbara passed away on Sunday, July 19. She was a longtime resident of Garland and played golf with the Oak Ridge Women's Golf Association. A Celebration of Life for Barbara was held on July 24.

LOST & FOUND....

The following items have been turned in to Tournament Chairman Rod Wells following our events throughout the year. If one (or several) of these items belong to you, see Rod to claim. If items remain unclaimed by our annual Banquet, in November, they will be donated to the First Tee of Dallas.

1. Rife blade putter cover
2. Odyssey blade putter cover – versa
3. Odyssey White Hot Pro blade putter cover
4. Odyssey Metal X blade putter cover
5. Light & Easy mallet putter cover
6. Ping blade putter cover
7. Adams mallet putter cover
8. Generic Black w/ polka dots driver cover
9. Taylormade Burner driver cover
10. Taylormade Burner Superfast 2.0 3 wood cover
11. Generic Green/Black 3 wood cover
12. Mac Tec NVG2 3 wood cover
13. Adams Speedline Fast 10 5 wood cover
14. Taylormade Burner 5 wood cover
15. Callaway Diablo Edge 3 wood cover
16. Adams Golf V4 Hybrid cover
17. King Cobra Baffler DWS
18. Adams Idea a705 5 Hybrid cover
19. Adams Idea a2 Hybrid 3 cover
20. Adams Idea a12 05 5 Hybrid cover
21. Callaway X Fairway 3 wood cover
22. Generic 5 Hybrid zipper cover
23. Ping Tisi Tec water bottle
24. Club Glove SW cover
25. Generic Blue Fuzzy 1 wood cover
26. Face Saver 8 Iron cover
27. Weaver and Tidwell ditty bag
28. Navy Blue winter glove
29. Burgundy cardigan sweater
30. Greg Norman umbrella cover – Black/Burgundy
31. PGA Gator Aid towel – white
32. Camel – Un Tipo Suave towel
33. Mickey Mouse golf – Red/Black towel
34. Bali Hai Golf Club – Brown/tan towel
35. Ping - Black/white golf towel
36. Pink – towel
37. Saks Fifth Avenue Gray Sweater XXL
38. Lone Cypress Black Cotton Vest XL
39. Cobra s3 Hybrid cover
40. Callaway X Tour Pitching Wedge
41. Callaway Razr 6 iron with Club Glove cover

2015 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

This year's Open Championship was played at St. Andrews, Scotland. The hottest golfer on the planet was Dallas' own, Jordan Spieth who would attempt to win his 3rd major tournament in a row. For that reason he was removed from the selection board for this tournament, however, all NTSGA golfers secretly hoped he would win. The overall favorite of the 94 NTSGA players competing in this year's pool were Dustin Johnson, Justin Rose, Ricky Fowler, Adam Scott, Henrik Stenson and Louis Oosthuizen.

The tournament began on Thursday under cold, windy conditions. Jordan Spieth set the early pace by making birdie in 5 of the first 7 holes. Dustin Johnson who was bombing 331 yd drives off the tee was the tournament leader by 1 stroke over 6 other golfers. Jordan Spieth trailed by 2 strokes.

Day 2 began on time, but was halted for 3 hours due to torrential rains over the entire course. Forty two players did not finish their rounds and would tee off early Saturday morning to complete their 2nd round. It appeared that even par would be the cut line before the players began Round 3.

The Saturday round got started, but didn't last long as the R & A stopped play when 40 mph winds whipped across the golf course. This delay lasted for 10 hours. The late afternoon weather turned beautiful with blue skies and sunshine and allowed players to complete the 2nd round. The rain and wind delay on both Friday and Saturday would result now in a Monday finish to the 144th Open Championship. Dustin Johnson would still lead the field by 1 stroke beginning the 3rd round, but NTSGA golfers were encouraged as 1 or both of their players were only a few strokes off the lead including Adam Scott, Jason Day, Zach Johnson, Hideki Matsuyama and Louis Oosthuizen.

The 3rd round of the Open Championship started under almost benign weather conditions compared to the first 2 days. Overcast skies with little wind accounted for great shots with as many as 8 players bunched at the top of the leaderboard. Jordan Spieth vaulted to the top making 7 birdies during his round. At the end of Day 3, amateur Paul Dunne found himself tied for the tournament lead with veteran's Jason Day and Louis Oosthuizen. Dustin Johnson faded to 18th position. Jordan Spieth was 1 shot off the pace after recording a 66.

The final round began under calm conditions which gave way to rain later in the day. The lead changed almost every 5 minutes with Jason Day, Luis Oosthuizen, Jordan Spieth, Zach Johnson and Mark Leishman all jockeying for position. At one point in the day, Phil Mickelson was only 2 shots off the lead providing excitement to the 9 NTSGA members who selected him as ½ of their selection combo. At the end, 3 golfers were tied and would play a 4 hole playoff for the Claret jug. Jordan Spieth came up one shot short of the playoff. Zach Johnson prevailed in the playoff and won the title by 1 stroke over Louis Oosthuizen and Mark Leishman. **Roger Ball, Joe Thompson, Dick Hall and Gerald Gotcher** had all picked Zach Johnson, but none had him paired with the winning combination. Runner- up to this year's Open Championship Pot was **Joe Bob Wheeler** selecting Jason Day (T4) and Justin Rose (T6). The winners, splitting the \$470.00 pot were **Stan Robertson** and **Jay Houston** each selecting Louis Oosthuizen (T1) and Justin Rose (T6). The final major pot of the year will be for the PGA Championship, Aug.13-16 at Whistling Straits. Selections may be made at The Tribute on Aug. 12. Jordan Spieth will once again be off the board for this major tournament.

CONGRATULATIONS, STAN ROBERTSON & JAY HOUSTON!

