

NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2018

- Two Holes-in-One were recorded last month. Read the write-ups in this newsletter.
- The Masters Pot will be open for selections at Tierra Verde on April 4th.
- Spring weather is finally here and many members are anxious to play. Sign up early. Our maximum field is 128 players. Sign-up closes at noon, 2 days before the event.
- Thirty eight new members have been added to the NTSGA roster in the last 3 months. Please welcome them to the organization and take time to answer all of their questions.

BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

Jody Bass 18 th	Royce DeRouen 20 th	Jay Gasper 22 nd	Larry Gephardt 24 th
Ray Grupp 5 th	Paul Keyworth 15 th	Roger Nondorf 23 rd	Ron Rankey 3 rd
Mike Robertson 24 th	Mike Shirejian 30 th	Jack Thompson 16 th	Butch Vaut 23 rd
Lou Wilkerson 28 th			

MARCH TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Mar. 5 Las Colinas C.C.	126	98%	Bob Mandula 77	Bob Mandula 63
Mar. 7 Tangleridge	74	57%	Tom McMahan 76 Doug Shackelford 76	Rob Smilow 59
Mar. 14 Texas Star	119	92%	Scott Eskridge 76	Duane Draeger 63
Mar. 20 Canyon Creek C.C.	117	91%	Rob Smilow 72	Gary Delcambre 58
Mar. 28 Frisco Lakes	Canceled, due to weather.			

PUN INTENDED...

She was only a whiskey-maker...but he loved her still!

TEE BOXES:

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".

NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS

Apr. 4	Tierra Verde	8:00	**Masters Pot open for selection
Apr. 11	The Tribute	8:00	
Apr. 18	Watters Creek	8:00	
Apr. 25	Prairie Lakes	8:00	**Eddlemon's BBQ available for purchase
May 2	Riverchase	8:00	**Breakfast, Lunch available for purchase

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES

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. 2 ½ 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.

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. 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.

Watters Creek (Plano) 972-517-7777; 7201 Chase Oaks Blvd. Drive I-75 (Central Expwy). Exit at Legacy Dr., turn west. At 2nd traffic light, (Chase Oaks Blvd) turn right. Course ½ mile on left.

Prairie Lakes (Grand Prairie) 972-263-0661; 3202 SE 14th St. Drive I-35 southbound, take the Loop 12 split towards Irving. Drive approx. 10 miles south, then take Spur 408 for about 1 ½ miles and make a right turn onto Hwy 303 driving west over Mountain Creek Lake. On the other side of the lake, turn left @ SE 14th St. Course entrance approx. ½ mile on left.

Riverchase (Coppell) 972-462-8281; 700 Riverchase Dr. Drive to I-35E and Belt Line Rd. (Farmers Branch). Turn west and drive 2.2 miles to Fairway Drive (traffic light). Turn right. Drive to stop sign. Turn right, course entrance on right.

FROM THE MASTERS:

You should never hear the word "championship" on the telecast. The U.S. Open, British Open and PGA are championships held by the major ruling and organizing bodies of the sport. The Masters is an invitational tournament held at a very pretty golf course given prestige by the involvement of Bobby Jones. The winner is not the champion of anything. Other words you shouldn't hear are "fans, bleachers, sand traps and front/back nine." The officially preferred words are "patrons", "observation stands", "bunkers" and "first/second nine".

HEADLINE IN THE NEWSPAPER:

Typhoon rips through Cemetery, hundreds dead.....Do ya' think?

SAD NEWS:

Longtime NTSGA member, **Kelly Parks** passed away on March 2, 2018 due to breathing complications. **Kelly** joined our organization in 2000 and resigned earlier this year. He was one of the 5 classmates featured in the October 2017 newsletter who attended North Dallas High School. Attending the Univ. of North Texas, **Kelly** began working for American Airlines as a ramp agent, Customer Service Representative and a Customer Service Supervisor for many years. **Kelly** loved playing golf and he and a fellow airline employee won the World Airline Golf Tournament for several years.

Rest in Peace, **Kelly Parks**

AGE SHOOTERS – MARCH

Tom McMahan 3/7 Tangleridge 76

Bill Roll 3/14 Texas Star 82

Bob Wands 3/14 Texas Star 79

HOLE-IN-ONE, JOE PHILPOTT.....

Three year NTSGA member, **Joe Philpott** recorded the 2nd Hole-in-One of the 2018 season when he aced the #8 hole at Bridlewood on Feb. 28, 2018. Playing partners witnessing Joe's great shot were **Dave Bramlett, Dave Self** and **Elliott Prater**. The foursome behind Joe's group had caught up to them and was waiting at the tee box also. That foursome also witnessed Joe's hole-in-one which included **James Bateman, Charley McCarley, Lee Ramos** and **Jay Crawford**. Thanks to **Charley McCarley** for taking the picture of Joe!

From 148 yards, **Joe's** tee shot found the bottom of the cup making this the third hole-in-one recorded by him during his golfing days. Coincidentally, all of **Joe's** holes-in-one have been on hole #8 on 3 different courses. **Joe** grew up in Dallas graduating from Bryan Adams High School and attending the University of North Texas. He entered the U.S. Army serving with the 275th Signal Corps, Det. A in Paris, France at the famed Blockhouse. The Blockhouse was located in downtown Paris and served as the communications center for all U.S. communications at the beginning of the Viet Nam war. Following his military commitment, **Joe** worked at the Pentagon for the Joint Chiefs of Staff before returning to Dallas joining the Dallas Police Department. **Joe** worked for the Dallas P.D. for 39 years serving as patrolman and detective before retiring in 2008.

NTSGA is happy to add \$200.00 to **Joe's** bank account.



CONGRATULATIONS, JOE PHILPOTT!

JUST THE FACTS:

According to Golf World magazine, the average golfer loses two golf balls per round for a worldwide total of approximately 2,465,752 every day. Worried about running out? Don't be. Companies like Titleist are working hard to ensure that never happens. Titleist makes 12 million golf balls each day!

MORE SAD NEWS:

Director Phil Abel's Mom passed away March 21. Our sincere condolences to the entire Abel family.

HOLE-IN-ONE: BOB WANDS....

The third Hole-in-One by an NTSGA member during 2018 was recorded on a very cold day in March (March 20) at the Canyon Creek Country Club by 8 year member, **Bob Wands**. This is **Bob's** 3rd



hole-in-one made during his golfing days. Hitting his 8 iron on the 128 yard 17th hole, **Bob's** great shot was witnessed by playing partners **Jay Gasper**, **Harold Lockman** and **Jim Krause**.

Bob grew up on Long Island, NY and comes from a long line of accomplished golfers. His father was the Club Champion at his club and **Bob's** brother and sister are both golf professionals. An interesting sideline to this story is that fellow NTSGA member Gene Kurihara knew **Bob's** brother from the time Gene spent in New York. After attending Boston College, **Bob** served proudly in the U.S Marine Corps for 3 years. His civilian occupation was as a computer software salesman for IBM for many

years and he was the managing Director of Operations for 4 ½ years in Melbourne, Australia.

NTSGA is happy to add \$200.00 to **Bob's** bank account for his great hole-in-one.

CONGRATULATIONS, BOB WANDS!

MENDING....

Gary Norman underwent rotator cuff surgery and can't play golf until May. **Paul Keyworth** has a degenerative disc in his back and is sidelined for several months....**Bob Sturgeon** has a sciatic nerve problem that is keeping him from playing....**Stan Robertson** was accidentally run over by a golf cart resulting in broken blood vessels and veins in his leg, spending several nights in the hospital. He is hopeful to resume playing golf sometime in April....**Director Phil Abel** has undergone foot surgery and is anxious to return to the golf course soon....**Scott Daum** is sidelined after undergoing knee surgery....**E.T. Boon** had shoulder surgery and is anxious to rejoin NTSGA to play golf....**Dick Hall** suffered a heart attack and is now home, feeling well and currently going through rehabilitation. He hopes to rejoin our weekly tournaments in May....**Handicap Chairman/Webmaster Howie Bacharach** has a torn rotator cuff and hopes to return to our tournaments in May....**Doug Cannon** has recently undergone intestinal surgery and is looking forward to playing golf again soon....**Dale Leath** is undergoing treatment for prostate issues and has targeted June to resume playing golf with NTSGA.

