

NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 2023

- The results of the Master's Pot are included in this newsletter.
- The professional golf tournaments come to the Metroplex this month. The Byron Nelson at Craig Ranch May 11-14, the Colonial in Ft. Worth May 25-28 and the Senior PGA Championship at the new Frisco PGA course May 25-28. Beginning May 30, you may call for tee times to play the new Frisco PGA courses. Green fees: \$222 - \$277.
- Many thanks to all the mudders who completed the round at Tangleridge adhering to Cart Path Only in the rain! The weather conditions for the first tournament in May are looking much better.

BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

Terry Bell 31 st	Rob Bennett 4 th	Frank Chavarria 17 th	Billy Cunningham 25 th
*Doug Curtis 20 th	Joe Estes 17 th	Phil Fahs 15 th	*Gary Harrison-ducros 20 th
Roger Legge 9 th	Joe Ries 3 rd	Doug Shackelford 2 nd	Russell Smeed 31 st
Jim Staron 5 th	Tim Strobel 21 st	Ron Swanson 2 nd	Scott Willoughby 5 th
Zeke Zietak 3 rd			

*Doug Curtis and Gary Harrison-ducros are twins, only born to different parents!

APRIL TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION...

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Apr. 5 Buffalo Creek	111	86%	Andy Braun 72 Mike Jones 72 Butch Vaut 72	Joe Ben Ramos 67 Mark Stokes 67
Apr. 12 Bear Creek (East)	123	96%	Mike Jones 71	Rusty Kasmiersky 65
Apr. 19 Tenison (Highlands)	129	101%	David Kneer 70	John Thompson 64
Apr. 26 Tangleridge	82	64%	Mike Jones 73	Jim Sendejas 68

PUN INTENDED...

Ducks have feathers, to cover their butt quacks

NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS

May 3 Golf Club of Dallas (Dallas) 8:00
May 10 Grapevine (Grapevine) 8:00
May 17 Bridlewood (Flower Mound) 8:00
May 24 Waterview (Rowlett) 8:00
May 31 Luna Vista (Dallas) 8:00

DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES...

May 3 Golf Club of Dallas 214-333-3595; 2200 W. Redbird Ln. From downtown Dallas, drive south on I-35E. Approx 4.4 miles, bear right onto Hwy 67 (towards Cleburne). In approx. 2.2 miles, exit at Hampton Rd. Turn left (under Hwy 67). At 2nd traffic light (Red Bird Ln.) turn left, course entrance .1 mile on right.

May 10 Grapevine (Grapevine) 817-410-3377; Drive west on LBJ freeway (I-635) towards DFW airport. Prior to the airport entry, exit at Bass Pro Dr., continue to the traffic light. Turn left, drive over Hwy 121, past the Embassy Suites Hotel to the next traffic light (Hwy 26). Turn left, drive ½ mile to next traffic light, turn right (Fairway Dr.) Drive past Cowboys Golf Club and over the Lake Grapevine Dam. On the other side of the Dam, turn right into golf course entrance.

May 17 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.

May 24 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 31 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.

Have you changed your address, telephone or email address?
Please notify Secretary/Membership Chm. Phil Fahs: pfahs57@yahoo.com

MASTERS POT:

The 2023 Master's Pot would be the culmination of many activities held recently at the Augusta National Golf Club, including the women's Amateur Championship for the ladies and the Drive, Chip & Putt Championship held for boys and girls. Weather forecast was not very favorable as the weather system that moved through the DFW area before our tournament at Buffalo Creek was rolling towards Augusta. One hundred thirteen selections into the Masters Pot were made by members in hopes of selecting the right combinations to win this year's pool. If there was any doubt about the player's preparations prior to this tournament, 5 of the pros made holes-in-one during the Par 3 tournament on Wednesday. The most popular choices of NTSGA members to win this year's Masters were Scottie Scheffler, Rory McIlroy, Jordan Spieth and Jon Rahm.



Day 1 weather conditions were good and at the end of the day, Viktor Hovland, Jon Rahm and Brooks Koepka were tied for the lead at -7. The Day 2 round started early because officials were trying to beat the approaching weather bringing rain and wind. The weather indeed arrived while players were still on the course. The strong winds caused three large pine trees to topple, barely missing spectators forcing the suspension of Round 2 by Augusta officials. Thirty eight golfers would have to complete Round 2 Saturday morning before beginning Round 3.

The end of Round 2 and the start of round 3 were played in steady rain and 45 NTSGA selections were knocked out, as their choices missed the cut including Rory McIlroy, Justin Thomas and Corey Connors.

Saturday's Round 3 didn't start until 11:00am, but heavy rains again made the course unplayable and forced the cancellation of Saturday's round, also. Trying to finish Round 3 on Sunday morning forced early tee times. Temperatures were cold, but at noon the sun made an appearance and hopefully it would help dry out the course for round 4. There was a lot of excitement in the households of **Dan Locklear, LeRoy Worm** and **Don Marks** as all had selections near the top of the leaderboard.

Day 4 was perfect for a final round with beautiful azalea color, sunshine and little wind. Jordan Spieth (66) and Phil Mickelson (65) played well, but nobody could catch the eventual winner, Jon Rahm. The NTSGA Masters Pot ended in a tie. **Chris Arenas:** Jon Rahm (1) & Patrick Reed (T4) and **Joe Ben Ramos:** Jon Rahm (1) & Jordan Spieth (T4). Each pocketed \$240.00. Third place was won by **LeRoy Worm:** Jon Rahm (1) & Viktor Hovland (T7). The next NTSGA Major Pot will be the PGA Championship. Selections can be made at Bridlewood on May 17.

CONGRATULATIONS: CHRIS ARENAS, JOE BEN RAMOS and LEROY WORM

SAD NEWS...

The entire North Texas Senior Golf Association mourns the passing of long time member Joel Rogers who passed away on April 18, at the age of 83. Joel was very popular, was a friend to everyone and loved playing golf with NTSGA. A loyal member for 23 years, Joel faithfully served as our President/Vice President for 5 terms from 2004-2016. During the time playing golf with the Association, Joel made a hole-in-one at Waterview in 2016. He grew up in Malakoff, TX near Athens attending local schools. He began his career in the food services grocery industry, working for Hormel Foods. His sales territory included Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma focusing on grocery store sales of ham, sausage, pork, chicken, beef and lamb products processed by Hormel. He retired from Hormel after 32 years.



Joel will be deeply missed by his many friends playing with NTSGA. Services for Joel were held April 25, followed by interment in Malakoff, TX. Condolence cards may be sent to Mrs. Lynn Rogers 2401 Pinehurst Mesquite, TX 75150.

Rest in Peace, Joel Rogers.

WATERCOLOR ARTIST...WAYNE MUELLER

Mothers Day is fast approaching (May 14) and NTSGA member, **Wayne Mueller** has agreed to paint a watercolor portrait at the discounted rate of \$150.00 for our members. He needs a snapshot of the picture you would like him to paint. It may contain two figures and would make a beautiful gift for wives/mothers in your life on this special day. You can view examples of **Wayne's** artistry of pets and people on Wayne's website: waynemuellerfineart.com Contact **Wayne** at 817-903-5015.

MORE SAD NEWS:

Former NTSGA member Walter Whitfield has passed away at the age of 75. Visitation will be at the Waldo Funeral Home 619 N. Travis St. Sherman, TX. From 2pm-7pm on Friday, May 5. Services for Walter will be at the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church 1516 S. Travis St. Sherman, TX on Saturday, May 6 at 1pm.

Rest in Peace, Walter Whitfield

IDENTITY...

Forty seven new members have joined NTSGA since Jan. 1. It is impossible for **Tournament Chairman Rod Wells** to recognize these new faces and put them with the correct roster names. When checking in at the tournaments, approaching Rod, please state your name and pay the \$60.00 entry fee (with cash or check) or tell him that you have paid on-line. He will, in turn, tell you your starting hole. Many thanks for this small gesture, helping to identify new members.

MORE GOLF...



18th Annual

Golf Outing Sponsorships

presented by **DELL** Technologies

May 22 - 11:00 AM Start
The Clubs at the Tribute - The Colony, TX

NTSGA Director **Greg Windsor** is involved with the Defenders of Freedom golf event benefitting wounded/injured veterans, first responders and their families. The event will



be held at The Tribute and Old American golf courses on Monday, May 22. Cost is \$200.00 per player or \$600.00 for a 3 man team which includes the assignment of a wounded veteran to make the fourth player, or a 4 man team (without the veteran) is also \$600.00. Your foursome may choose to play either course. The charitable contribution to play in this event includes golf, lunch, dinner, a golf package, the vet's flight in, hotel for two nights and their transportation. For additional information

contact **Greg** at 972-365-6261 or ngwindsor@verizon.net

AGE SHOOTERS – APRIL

Jim Krause 4/5 Buffalo Creek 75
Butch Vaut 4/5 Buffalo Creek 72
Mike Barker 4/12 Bear Creek (East) 76
Jim Krause 4/12 Bear Creek (East) 78
Wayne Mueller 4/12 Bear Creek (East) 78
Butch Vaut 4/12 Bear Creek (East) 78
David Kneer 4/19 Tenison (Highlands) 70
Jim Krause 4/19 Tenison (Highlands) 79
Jack Thompson 4/19 Tenison (Highlands) 76



Anyone who says their wedding day was the best day of their life, has clearly never had 2 candy bars fall down at once from a vending machine!

