

NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 2024

- Only one more tournament remaining for 2024, however, keep viewing the website as **Tournament Chairman Rod Wells** might add a few more events.
- The current NTSGA Board of Directors will remain in their current officer/director positions during 2025.
- **Randy Grimes** made a Hole-in-One on Oct. 30. See the write-up in this newsletter.
- NTSGA will observe a holiday break from Dec.5 to mid-January. If weather conditions are favorable to play golf, use the roster to contact fellow members and get up a game during this break period.
- **Mike Jones** has been the Tournament Medalist 12 times so far this year!
- NTSGA dues for 2025 are due Jan 1, 2025. Read the article in this newsletter regarding dues.

BIRTHDAY'S FOR DECEMBER:

Frank Alvarado 17 th	*Scott Brock 17 th	Randy Durant 10 th	Jim Forrester 4th
Freddie Fredieu 9 th	Mike Godbey 15 th	Javier Iturbe 16 th	*Mike Kopp 17 th
Gene Lindsey 9 th	Don Marks 12 th	Mike Massey 16 th	Bob McKenzie 16 th
**Dennis Meyer 24 th	Gilbert Moses 7 th	Gabe Nicolella 2 nd	James Powell 6 th
Harry Schmidt 23 rd	Jon Traver 30 th	Ralph Westbrook 12 th	Jack Whitling 6 th
**LeRoy Worm 24 th			

***Scott Brock & Mike Kopp** are twins, only born to different parents.

** **Dennis Meyer & LeRoy Worm** have cookies and milk awaiting Santa's arrival down the chimney on the night of their birthdays.

NOVEMBER TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Nov. 5 Sky Creek Ranch	99	77%	Rob Ruth 73	Duane Peterson 65
Nov. 13 Tour 18	134	104%	John Leal 77 Mark Worthey 77	John Leal 71
Nov. 18 Diamond Oaks C.C.	Canceled, due to weather.			
Nov. 20 Grapevine	127	99%	Bobby Vetkoetter 74	Frank Alvarado 66

PUN INTENDED...Scientifically, a raven has 17 primary wing feathers; the big ones at the end of the wing are called pinion feathers. A crow has 16. So, the difference between a raven and a crow is only a matter of a pinion.

FINAL TOURNAMENT OF 2024...

Dec. 4 Pecan Hollow 8:30 (Plano) 972-941-7600; 4501 E. 14th St. Drive the Geo. Bush Turnpike, exit east of Central Expy (I-75) at Jupiter. Drive north for 1 mile, turn right on 14th street and drive 2.3 miles. Course entrance on left. (Careful of oncoming traffic).

At a wedding reception, someone yelled: "All married people please stand next to the one person that has made your life worth living." The bartender was almost crushed to death!

DUES:

Dues for 2025 will be extracted from your NTSGA Bank on Jan.1, 2025. This amount is \$60.00. If you do not have appropriate funds in your account, remit a check to **Treasurer Rick Wiley** before Jan.1. (5555 Windhaven Pkwy. Apt. 5131 Plano, TX 75024) If you are unaware of your account funds, check your balance at the next tournament or contact **Rick** at 972-768-6011. Members who have not paid 2025 dues prior to the first tournament of 2025 will be subject to termination.

Curfew: If you forget your key, try to open the door with a round shaped object...only in cases of extreme urgency, use a grenade!

MANY THANKS...from BOB KENYON



Bob is the longest tenured member of the North Texas Senior Golf Association, joining in 1999. He is very appreciative of the friendships and acquaintances he has made through the years and has issued the following statement:

"I just want to let you know how God has blessed me with so many caring and thoughtful friends and family and to thank all of you for your help and support. As most of you probably know on Nov 20 at Grapevine I had a medical emergency, passing out at the cart staging area. **Larry Kimberlin** performed CPR and I know **Danny Millaway** was also ready to get me going again. Thank you, both! When I woke up, so many of our fellow golfers were around me and concerned for my well being. When I wouldn't go with the paramedics to the hospital, many of you, including Bob Jr. thought it best to get me to the hospital immediately. Rod, thank you for coming over to the golf cart to pray with me! My son took me to the hospital and the doctors quickly determined that I had a massive blood clot in my lungs which was placing unnecessary pressure on my heart, causing me to pass out. They immediately placed me into surgery removing the clot and...all is good. I have been receiving phone calls, emails and texts from so many of my NTSGA friends. I again say thank you all for what was done that day and the outpouring of concern for my well being. God Bless!"

Bob

HOLE-IN-ONE...RANDY GRIMES

The second Hole-in-One by an NTSGA member in 2024 was made by 5-year member, **Randy Grimes**. Randy hit his pitching wedge exactly 116 yards to ace Hole #3 at Tierra Verde on Oct. 30th. This was the 2nd Hole-in-One Randy has recorded. Playing partners witnessing Randy's great shot were **Andrew Braun, Mike Seagram and Jay Wojnas**.



Randy grew up in eastern Tennessee in Oak Ridge, close by Knoxville and the Great Smoky Mountain National Park.

Graduating from local schools, **Randy** ventured to Indiana attending Wabash College, a liberal arts college in Crawfordsville. While at Wabash, Randy played on the Little Giants golf team participating in NCAA Division III tournaments. Following graduation from Wabash, Randy headed west and enrolled at the University of California at Berkley. Upon departing CAL-Berkley, Randy was armed with his PHD in Chemical Physics. He sought employment with Texas Instruments, the semiconductor company specializing in developing analog and embedded processors. Randy was employed by TI for 26 years serving as the Factory Manager in both Houston and Dallas. His wife also holds a doctorate degree in Chemistry. Stressing the attributes of higher education to his family, Randy and Monica have twin daughters. One is close to obtaining her PHD in Bio Chemistry while her sister has applied to Law School while living in New York.

NTSGA is happy to add \$200.00 to **Randy's** Bank for his great Hole-in-One, in addition to having gifted watercolor artist, member Wayne Mueller paint a personal picture for Randy.

CONGRATULATIONS, RANDY GRIMES!



AGE SHOOTERS – NOVEMBER

Ted Dunson 11/13 Tour 18, 79

Jim Krause 11/20 Grapevine 79

Tom McMahan 11/20 Grapevine 83

Wayne Mueller 11/20 Grapevine 75

Butch Vaut 11/20 Grapevine 75

Bobby Vetkoetter 11/20 Grapevine 74

SAD NEWS:

Longtime member, Jay Gasper passed away Nov. 5 at the age of 86. Jay was a well liked member, playing golf with NTSGA from 2011 to 2019.

REST IN PEACE, JAY GASPER

USGA RULES...

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 two stroke penalty and must then play a ball from within the “teeing ground”.

FUNNY:

Time is like a river. You cannot touch the water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy every moment of life.

“As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper’s cemetery in the Nova Scotia back country.”

“As I was not familiar with the backwoods of Nova Scotia, I got lost, and being a typical man, I didn’t stop to ask for directions. I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight.”

“There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late.”

“I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn’t know what to do, so I started to play my bagpipes.”

“The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played my heart and soul out for this man with no family and friends. I played like I’ve never played before for this homeless man.”

“And as I played “Amazing Grace”, the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, and we all wept together. When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head was hung low, my heart was full.”

“As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, “I’ve never seen anything like that before, and I’ve been putting in septic tanks for twenty years.”

“Apparently, I’m still lost...it’s a man thing.”

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A joyous and Merry Christmas to you and your families.

Phil