

# NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 2026

- We're hoping Pauxatawney Phil will not see his shadow on Feb. 2 and we can get our 2026 season started.
- Sometimes the weather makes this a tough month to play golf. Be sure to check the NTSGA website late Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning to see if pending inclement weather has forced cancellation or delayed the start of our tournament.
- Keep play moving...after putting out, move smartly to the cart and drive away.
- Eighteen new members join NTSGA this month, see their introductions in this newsletter.

## BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

Juan Bergara 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Dave Brigman 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Everett Byre 1 <sup>st</sup>	Steve Casselman 19 <sup>th</sup>
John Cravens 7 <sup>th</sup>	Clint Culp 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mike Hendrix</b> 11 <sup>th</sup>	Ray Kennedy 17 <sup>th</sup>
David Kneer 17 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Lamb 13 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Lamberft 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Francois Laubscher</b> 25 <sup>th</sup>
Bob Lewis 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dan Locklear 16 <sup>th</sup>	Don Macpherson 20 <sup>th</sup>	Danny Millaway 13 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Gary Nelson</b> 4 <sup>th</sup>	Ben Orgain 17 <sup>th</sup>	Alex Papadimitriou 28 <sup>th</sup>	Elliott Prater 16 <sup>th</sup>
Joe Ben Ramos 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mark Rushing 4 <sup>th</sup>	David Starkey 5 <sup>th</sup>	

## JANUARY TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Jan. 14 Pecan Hollow	114	89%	<b>Jim Krause</b> 69 <b>Gary Nelson</b> 69	<b>Jim Krause</b> 62 <b>Ben Orgain</b> 62 <b>Duane Peterson</b> 62

## DUES:

NTSGA annual dues (\$60.00) for 2026 were due Jan. 1. If you had that amount of money in your Bank, **Treasurer Rick Wiley** extracted that amount to pay your 2026 dues. If you don't have \$60.00 in your Bank, send a \$60.00 check (made out to NTSGA) to Rick Wiley 5555 Windhaven Pkwy, Apt 5131 Plano, TX 75024.

## PUN INTENDED...

If a cow doesn't produce milk, is it a milk dud or an udder failure?

## **NEXT 4 TOURNAMENTS:**

Feb. 4 Waterview 8:30  
Feb. 11 Country View 8:30  
Feb. 18 Irving G C. 8:30  
Feb. 25 Tenison Highlands 8:30

## **DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES...**

Feb. 4 Waterview (Rowlett) 972-463-8900; 9509

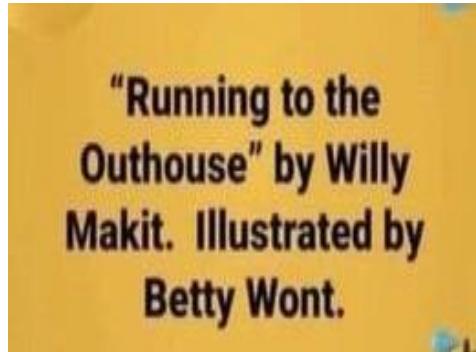
Waterview Pkwy. Drive the Geo. Bush Turnpike east through Garland, past Hwy 78/past the Firewheel Mall.

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.

Feb. 11 Country View (Lancaster) 972-227-0995; 240 W. Belt Line Rd. Drive I-35E south, thru downtown Dallas. Continue 7 miles past Reunion Tower, exit at Belt Line Road, turn left, drive 4 miles, course entrance on right.

Feb. 18 Irving G.C. (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.

Feb. 25 Tenison Park (Highlands) (Dallas) 214-670-1402; 3501 Samuell Blvd. Drive east of downtown Dallas on I-30, exit at Dolphin Rd., turn left, under I-30 for 1 block, right turn on Samuell Blvd. Then a left turn at Tenison Parkway, course entrance on right.



## **AGE SHOOTERS – JANUARY**

**Chris Arenas** 1/21 Pecan Hollow 76  
**Gerald Gotcher** 1/21 Pecan Hollow 79  
**Ronnie Green** 1/21 Pecan Hollow 76  
**Jim Krause** 1/21 Pecan Hollow 69  
**Butch Vaut** 1/21 Pecan Hollow 73



## **SOLITATION FOR FUTURE KEY MEMBERS:**

At a recent Board meeting, the discussion surfaced regarding the replacement of key members of the North Texas Senior Golf Association. What if a key member(s) moved away, got injured, lost interest in playing golf and resigned? Who would take their place? Would you be interested in such a position? Would you be willing to assume the duties of the Secy./Membership Chairman?? Do you have a computer background and be willing to learn the intricacies of the Webmaster/Handicap Chairman?? Do you have a scheduling background and be willing to learn the job aspects of the Tournament Chairman?? Perhaps you maintain a finance background and would be a perfect fit to be Treasurer.

This is a very viable concern and the willingness to serve and learn all aspects of officer/committee chairman for future assignments would be very gratifying to the current members of the NTSGA Board. If interested in serving as a member of a future Board of Directors, please make these desires known to any current Board Member.

## **NEW MEMBERS – FEBRUARY**

**Rene Arenas** – Irving

**Craig Butler** – Plano

**Kelly Case** – Celina

**Dan Castaneda** – Dallas

**Don Chester** – Frisco

**Don Costello** – Carrollton

**Ed Collazo** – Argyle

**Bart Dickinson** – Dallas

**Greg Eyrich** – Frisco

**Nick Lalpuis** – Trophy Club

**Gary Ledbetter** – Mesquite

**Don Macpherson** -Richardson

**Alex Papadimitriou** – McKinney

**Denver Roden** – Ft. Worth

**Doug Smith** – Richardson

**Randy Stem** – Dallas

**Mike Stengle** – Plano

**Mark Wedding** – Dallas



Why in the world did they ever remove bench seats?

A man is lost in the woods and comes to a monastery. They invite him in and ask him to have dinner with them. The dinner is fish and chips, and it's the best he's ever eaten. He asks to meet the chef. The chef comes out, and the man stands up to shake his hand and asks if he's the fish fryer? He says no, "I'm the chip monk!"

## FROM TREASURER RICK WILEY...

Examination of financial assets (ending fiscal 2025) of NTSGA reveals the following:

Total assets of the Association: \$40,433

Assets owed to members (Bank): \$36,484

NTSGA net worth (Dec.): \$ 3,949

I am comfortable with assessing member's \$60.00 annual dues for 2026 and also keeping the tournament fees at \$60.00...includes \$10 prize fee, for the first 4 months of 2026. In light of golf course green fees increasing from 2025 at many of our tournament sites, the Board of Directors will re-convene in April to determine if an increase in tournament fees is warranted for the balance of 2026. NTSGA financial statements for fiscal year-ended 10-31-2025, along with IRS Form 990 (Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax) are available upon request at [rick.wiley@verizon.net](mailto:rick.wiley@verizon.net)

Respectfully,

*Rick Wiley*

## AFTER THE ROUND:



David Starkey, Dennis Meyer, Chris Arenas, Mike Vestal, Greg Windsor

## FUNNY...

...Tom McMahan

Yesterday my daughter e-mailed me...again, asking why I didn't do something useful with my time.

"Like sitting around the pool, drinking wine isn't a good thing?" I asked.

Talking about my 'doing something useful' seems to be her favorite topic of conversation.

She is "only thinking of me", she said and suggested I go down to the Senior Center and hang out with the fellas.

So, I did and when I got home, decided to play a prank on her. I sent her an e-mail saying that I had joined the Senior Parachute Club.

She replied, "Are you nuts?" You're 86-years old and now you're going to start jumping out of airplanes?"

I told her that I even had a Membership Card and e-mailed a copy to her.

Immediately she telephoned me and yelled. "Good grief, Dad put your glasses on. This is a membership to a Prostitute Club, not a Parachute Club."

"Oh man, am I in trouble. I signed up for five jumps a week!"

The line went dead.

Life as a Senior citizen isn't getting any easier, but sometimes it can be fun.

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*Phil*