

FROM THE D.O.G.

Ready Golf!

Slow play is always something to avoid and it is even more important when it gets hot to keep the pace of play moving. And while it is still early spring and we are enjoying cool temperatures, these helpful tips to keep play moving are always good to practice.

1. Play Ready Golf! Be ready to hit when it's your turn.
2. Look Ahead, Not behind! Your position on the golf course is directly behind the group in front of you, not just ahead of the group behind you.
3. Set time target for round, 4 hours or less for a group of 4.
4. Avoid singles and 2-somes during busy times. Allowing these groups to play through slows down play.
5. Think about club selection before reaching your ball.
6. Determine yardage, wind speed before reaching your ball.
7. Reduce practice swings to 1.
8. Watch other's drives to eliminate lost balls.
9. Take 2 or 3 clubs with you to your ball.
10. Carry an extra ball in your pocket. Play provisional ball when in doubt.
11. Start moving toward ball immediately after it is hit.
12. Study line of putt while others are preparing to putt.
13. Park your cart or place your bag on the side of the green closest to the nest tee.
14. Invite others through when a back up develops or a hole opens in front of you.
15. Play gimme's! Putt out short putts rather than mark & wait.
16. Walk briskly! It's good for your health.

Email

If you are not receiving emails from the pro shop we probably don't have an email address for you or we have an old address that has been changed. Please send your updated email address to "proshop@willowbendgolfclub.com". Thank you for your help.

Important Notice

Any account that is past due 90 days will be automatically sent to 14 day pre-collection and handled by our collection firm. If any accounts is 120 days delinquent, golfing privileges will be suspended until the account is satisfied.



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in
Willowbend!*

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*... I'll see you out
on the golf course!*



It's March and things are greening up and gearing up quickly. We've had a fairly nice winter, with plenty of moisture and several rest periods for the golf course. All this should add up to another great spring at Willowbend. You'll notice that we are putting out all of our golf course accessories that were either replaced or repainted over the winter. By the time you read this we will have coolers and ball washers out. We've made 100 new hazard stakes and we're working on straightening the ones already out there and giving them a new coat of red or yellow paint. This year we also made all new tee markers. In the past, we have only made enough to replace the broken ones, but now we'll start with the 144 new ones and repaint the old markers worth saving to use as extras throughout the season. We also rebuilt the driving range poles that were broken. One got drilled with golf balls and the other got drilled with the driving range picker. The close one is now made of a 3 inch pipe and hopefully won't be so apt to get hit. If they continue to be broken we will come up with something else.

We will begin punching greens Monday, March 24th. This process will hopefully take two days, but with weather the way it is, it might be three. At this time we will also begin punching fairways and tees. In any case, we will do our best to make it as painless as possible for everyone. This season we're going to try some new things. First, we will begin using more rope and post. We are going to evaluate some areas where it might make sense to install it permanently, but for now it will be temporary. At some point exit posts will be implemented. These are easily moved and signify the place where we would like you to return to the path. They will be highly visible and moved frequently to help spread out cart wear on our golf course. At times, we will be making some or all areas carts-on-path. This is an issue I have been pretty lax about, trying to make your experience as good as it can be. While you all appreciate it at the time, it has been pretty clear that the damage it causes is just too extensive.

In addition to sprucing up the golf course accessories this winter, we built a new roof for the waterfall pumps on #18. Presently we are in the process of constructing a new walk bridge for the waterfall, and if you noticed sections of the Rock Road fence missing, they're under repair. You probably also noticed that we did some work on #7 bunker. You probably also noticed that it still holds water. What we did was expose the drainage and make sure it was working. It is. The problem is the bunker is actually deeper than the lakes on #7 and #8. The drain is tied into the culvert connecting these two ponds. Since water finds its own level, when the lakes are full they back up into #7 bunker. We took out all of the old mucky sand and gravel, cleaned all of the drains, and recovered them with new gravel. Then added 30 tons of coarse sand back into the bunker. Now we know that the bunker drains when the lakes are down. When the lakes are full it will not. We can assist drainage by manipulating the water level in the irrigation lake as they are all tied together.

Finally, it is the beginning of a new season so I want to remind you of a few things. Even with no ropes and exit posts out, you should never drive a golf cart closer than 30 feet to the front of a green. You should also never have a cart beside or behind a green. Your cart should always be on the path when around tee boxes. The 90-degree rule does not mean right up the middle. Pick a new route if a spot is bare or wet, don't drive through it. I realize every golfer fixes their ball mark and three others, but just in case someone you are playing with isn't doing that, give them a friendly reminder. Ball marks are the one thing I cannot be blamed for. Last but not least, feel free to contact me with all of your positive comments.

Coming Events - April 2008

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Half Price Guest Day	9 Charlie Lawson KMGMA 1:00 pm	10	11	12
13	14 WSU Grier Jones 12:45 pm	15 Ladies Clinic 5:30 pm	16 Ladies Clinic 5:30 pm	17	18	19 Men's Club All Tee 9:00 am
20	21	22 Ladies Clinic 5:30 pm	23 Ladies Clinic 5:30 pm	24 WSU Alumni TBA	25 Team Play 8:30 am	26 Ladies Eclectic TBA
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GOLF SHOP

Make sure to stop by the Pro Shop to check out our new merchandise. We have the latest in irons, woods, golf balls and spring clothing. As always, there are items reduced for quick sale. It's that time of year again, where you can check with the pros to fine tune your game with a private lesson. Willowbend has the finest practice range and putting green in the area for your use and we look forward to seeing you out there. Next month we will have information on Junior Golf, so be sure to check back here for sign up and program dates.

BAR AND GRILL

Spring is here and we are enthusiastic about the coming year. If you haven't had the opportunity to visit the grill lately, we'd like to tell you about new menu items that might tempt you to stop by. The pork tenderloin sandwiches have been a big success, as have the bigger hamburgers and buns we've switched to. And by popular request, we will be adding Chef Salad to the menu in April. We still have the old favorites, so don't hesitate to come visit us hungry!

- Dennis Brewster and Staff

Our Staff

Rick Nuckolls	General Manager
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Club Phone Numbers

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Hours of Operation

November 1 to March 31: 9:00 am – 5:30 pm

April 1 to April 30: 8:00 am – 7:00 pm

May 1 to September 16: 7:30 am – 8:00 pm

September 16 to October 31: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

Mondays begin at 12:00 noon

Weekend tee times start at 6:30 am, Memorial Day
to Labor Day

Tee Time Reservations

Members may make reservations 1 week in advance for weekday tee times. Weekend and holiday times may be made 3 days in advance. (Example: Call Wed. for Sat. & Thurs. for Sun.) Tee times for weekends and holidays must be made by telephone. Reservations for all tee times may be made 30 minutes prior to the first tee time. Weekend and holiday tee times from Memorial Day to Labor Day will be taken at 7:00 am.