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Attention!!!

Our newsletter is changing. Starting with the July issue the newsletter will be available electronically at www.willowbendgolfclub.com. For those of you that do not own a computer we will have hard copies available in the golf shop. We hope that this move to the website will serve our members in a more timely and efficient manner. Please monitor the new Willowbend website for member features and benefits.

NEWS RELEASE

June 1, 2007

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Golf classic at Willowbend will benefit Starkey Foundation

WICHITA – The annual **American Family Insurance Golf Classic**, set for **Monday, July 30, 2007** at **Willowbend Golf Course**, will benefit the Starkey Foundation and individuals with developmental disabilities.

The event features a scramble format and four-person teams. The tournament kicks off at 6:30 a.m. with a breakfast at the clubhouse, followed by an 8 a.m. shotgun start, refreshments and contests on the course, a catered lunch, and a prize ceremony at approximately 2 p.m. Individual golfer positions are \$150 each; however, several sponsor packages are available that include team registration. **Those who register and pay by the June 29 early bird deadline will be entered in a drawing for a \$200 Willowbend Gift Certificate.**

The tournament, formerly the Charlie Daniels Golf Classic, was renamed in 2005 in honor of longtime sponsor American Family Insurance upon Mr. Daniels' retirement from the event. KNSS Newsradio 1330 is the media sponsor of the tournament and IMA is the other major financial sponsor. To register, visit the link on www.starkey.org or call Cate Adams, Starkey events coordinator, at (316) 512-4116.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Starkey Foundation, which provides funding to benefit the individuals with developmental disabilities served at Starkey Inc. There currently are 397 individuals in the employment, community living, life enrichment and retirement programs at Starkey. Starkey Inc., founded in 1930, is the oldest non-profit community-based organization in Sedgwick County serving individuals with developmental disabilities.

TURF TALK

The rain just won't quit, and that's okay, because soon it will turn off and it just won't start again. We have had over eight inches of rain since April 1. It has come in a pattern, which has been mostly good for absorption, but not so good for mowing a golf course. We are not behind, but we are having trouble dealing with clippings. Many of you are concerned with the rough. Last year we mowed the rough at three inches. In the fall we lowered the height of cut to two and one half inches. This was done due to the many complaints about the penalty a shot in the rough provided. Now with the new height the grass isn't as tall when it's cut, but it has allowed the fescue to get denser. The lower you mow any turf, the fuller it becomes. Also with all the clippings, we are generating (more at the lower height) the rough is not a fun place to be. These are the same issues we had last year and I suspect every year before that. If you have irrigated rough, you have tougher playing conditions. I believe it is better to have thick tough rough in the spring and fall than to be playing off of hardpan year round. With the addition of another large area rough mower, we are able to cover more area each week than before. Last year we covered about 27 holes a week plus the driving range. This year when the weather cooperates we should come close to getting over everything twice a week.

Another issue that has come up recently is the lack of a courtesy cut around the fairways. We decided to do away with it for a variety of reasons. First of all our courtesy mower is 17 years old. It is slow to drive around the golf course one time, but when you mow around a fairway you end up back where you started on each hole, so it is basically two trips around.

We have cut at least two hours off the time it takes to mow courtesy. Three days a week that is six hours I can put toward other projects like bunker maintenance, string trimming, and cart paths. We are still mowing a courtesy around the greens and have added two more walk trails. The second reason we wanted to stop the fairway cut is because when the fairways and rough are growing like they are now our mowers have trouble distinguishing between each cut. My fairway mowers cut half the courtesy and my courtesy mower just moved out further. We were scalping grass every time out and that is not good. I can't blame anybody because I couldn't see the lines myself. Now there is a definitive line as to what is fairway and what is rough and it makes the place look better and easier to maintain. As far as narrowing the fairways go, we cut the fairways out as far as the courtesy used to be so, in fact most of the fairways are actually around 12 feet wider than they were supposed to be last year. The only fairway that we got consciously changed was #14 on the green side. We shortened it so there would be a bit more rough next to the creek.

Other than that things are pretty good, We have all recovered from the late frosts. The moisture has kept irrigation demand down which in turn has kept leak pressure down. We were able to fix the waterfall and are working on a cover for the pump house. We are keeping up with the string trimming fairly well and the flower beds are looking great thanks to Rod's wife Janet. We are having great success with the second season of my super secret poa program, and the greens even have good color. We are close to almost perfect if we could just dry out.

As usual, you can reach me on the golf course or at the shop: 744 – 0400.

Men's Club - Four Ball Results

Gross

First Flight

1st Jay Wyckoff/Jim Ewart
2nd Eric Mork/Jim Krsnich
T-3rd Craig RauvaloBouta/Alan Goodnight
T-3rd Ted Anderson/Curtis Corning

Net

Colin Moore/Jared Moore
Robert Abell/Dave Thomas

Second Flight

1st Mickey Ellison/Mike Miller
2nd Eric Snyder/Rich Maier
3rd Robert Shaver/Brian Hatcher

Don Donaldson/Jerry May
Pat Boyle/Patrick Quincy

Third Flight

1st John Kelly/Mark Eby
2nd Thom Rosenberg/Mike Leahy

Doug Thurwanger/Bill Higinbotham
Jim Mai/Scott Longenecker

Fourth Flight

1st Don Deckert/Dwight Deckert
2nd Ed Schroeder/Robert Hill

Lee Smith/Larry Bell
Don Foster/Larry Peterson

Ladies Club - Member/Member Tournament

Gross

Flight 1

1st Sherrie Wynkoop/Toni Gile
2nd Julie Bachelder/Wendy Turriff

Net

Debra Christiansen/Judy Nichols
Missy Donaldson/Pat May

Flight 2

1st Dee Sinnett/Marty Viney
2nd Jacque Sabolik/Janice Eudy

Betty Mai/Carolyn Bell
Janet Ast/Judy Goodwin

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.

GOLF SHOP

There will be NO guest days in July to accommodate Junior Golf play days. Thank you for your assistance. Please remember that our junior golfers are the future of the game.

Check out the golf shop! We have just received most of our spring order which included shirts, shorts, caps and clubs. Come out and try the new clubs. If we don't have exactly what you are looking for, we can order it. Give us a chance to serve you before you buy elsewhere.

Please help your fellow members by repairing ball marks on the greens, divots in the fairways and raking bunkers after you hit your shot.

QUOTES

"Retire to what? I'm a golfer and a fisherman. I've got no place to retire to."
- Julius Boros

"Golfers have analyzed the game in order to find 'the secret. There is no secret.'
- Henry Cotton

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Men's Club 2007 Schedule of Events

JUN	1-2-3		Member-Guest
JUN	12	6:00	League Play
JUN	26	6:00	League Play
JUN	30	9:00	Firecracker Scramble
JUL	14-15	9:00	Medal Play
JUL	28-29	9:00	Match Play
AUG	4-5	9:00	Match Play
AUG	11		Horseshoe
AUG	18	9:00	6-6-6
SEP	8	9:00	Quota
SEP	29	9:00	Closing Event



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

Coming Events - June 2007

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
					1 Men's Club Member- Guest	2 Men's Club Member- Guest
3 Men's Club Member- Guest	4 Ladies Team Play	5	6 Ladies Club Scramble	7 Ladies Group	8 Ladies Team Play	9
10	11 American Title	12 Men's Club League	13 U.S. Open Qualifying	14 Ladies Group	15	16 Ladies Member- Guest
17 <i>Father's Day</i>	18	19	20	21 Ladies Group	22 Ladies Team Play	23
24	25 Ladies Team Play	26 Men's Club League	27	28 Ladies Group	29 Ladies Team Play	30 Men's Club Firecracker Scramble

Coming Events - July 2007

<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 Couples 6 pm	7
8	9 Shriners	10 Junior Golf	11 Ladies Scramble	12	13 Ladies Team Play	14 Men's Club Medal Play
15 Men's Club Medal Play	16 Taylor Tournament	17 Junior Golf	18	19	20 Couples 6 pm	21
22	23 River Rock Ranch	24 Junior Golf Tournament	25 KGA Seniors	26	27 Ladies Team Play	28 Men's Club Match Play
29 Men's Club Match Play	30 American Family	31		Ladies Group		

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Our Staff

Rick Nuckolls	General Manager
Rod Nuckolls	Director of Golf
Gene Abernathy	Head Golf Professional
Brad Kipper	Asst. Golf Professional
Vince McAlister	Golf Course Superint.
Brian Anderson	Asst. Golf Course Superint.
Jan Nuckolls	Office Manager

Club Phone Numbers

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Hours of Operation

May 1 to September 15: 7:30 am – 8 pm
September 16 to October 31: 8 am – 8 pm
November 1 to March 31: 9 am – 5:30 pm
April 1 to April 30: 8 am – 7 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.