

FROM MR. & MRS. D.O.G.

Junior Golf News

Clinics will be conducted the first two weeks:
June 5-8 (Tues-Fri) & June 12-15 (Tues-Fri)

Age group 19 and under will report to the Pro Shop at 9:00 a.m. for check-in. We will divide the kids into groups and they will rotate to different stations: chipping, putting and the driving range. Because of the large number of participants, we will be utilizing both driving range tees. We'll drive the kids on golf carts to the south practice tee. Don't worry if your child must miss a portion of the clinics. We understand that summer camps, family vacations, and other activities will cause some scheduling conflicts. The instruction is designed to offer them repeat opportunity to learn, allowing them to progress at their own pace. The clinics are one hour, so please pick your child up at 10:00 a.m..

Age group 11 and over will report to the Pro Shop at 10:00 a.m. for check-in. The same information as above applies. In the case of

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**2007 Member/Guest
on June 1, 2 & 3**

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siblings, if you need to drop off your older child at 9:00 please instruct them to wait on the deck or in the restaurant. If there is room on the driving range or putting range, they can practice, but they need to understand that the attention of the staff will be on the younger kids. We want everyone to have a good time, but safety is our main concern. Please pick up your child at 11:00.

The following weeks we will have play dates on Tuesdays: June 19 – July 24 with the exception of July 3rd. No junior golf on July 3rd. There will be an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start for everyone. Please remember that if your child is in the 3 hole, 6 hole, or a Jr. 9 hole group, they are allowed to place their golf bags on a cart and ride from tee to tee. They do walk the hole. We will require an adult to drive each cart and help kids keep score. We'll have a sign-up for volunteers in the golf shop, **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE A CHILD IN THE PROGRAM TO VOLUNTEER (WE WOULD LOVE TO AVE YOUR HELP)**. It should not be necessary for you to drive your child each play date if everyone takes a turn. It's a lot of fun and you **DO NOT** have to be an experienced player to help! We'll be happy to give you the instruction necessary to participate. Please mark your calendar for the Jr. Golf Tournament to be held on July 24th. More details will be forthcoming.

Thank you for being a part of Willowbend Jr. Golf. It's going to be a great learning experience and a lot of fun for everyone. Please contact the golf shop if you have any questions.

As usual things did not go as planned during aerification. Since we received over 4.5 inches of rain during the week, it was hard to get the sand dry enough to spread much less fall into holes. We fought through it, however, and things are starting to get back into shape. The 22-degree nights and hard freeze really slowed down the healing progress. As you are all probably aware aerification is a trying time when things don't go right, so working through the mess the storms brought us made it even more difficult and required more time than we had allowed. Since almost the entire week was dedicated to just getting both nines open and halfway playable, we did, regretfully, get behind on some of the mowing. Rick has brought to my attention that this angered several members, so here is what happened. We got everything in place late Wednesday evening. It rained all night Wednesday and all day Thursday accounting for almost three inches on top of all the rain early in the week. Since Thursday was a wash, we tried to mow on Friday, but after about four passes on number one fairway, it was apparent that it was just too wet and we would do more damage than good. At that time I pulled the fairway mowers off and sent them to mow around the greens and tee banks. These were the only areas elevated enough to mow without significant mudding. I did not mow the greens because they were not ready to be mowed. We had spread the sand on them while it was wet and did not get to broom it until it had time to dry out. If we had mowed them over the weekend, we would have picked up 90% of the sand that we worked so hard to apply. I know the golf course was not the greatest over the weekend following aerification and for that I apologize.

Why don't we have seed in the sand anymore?

For a while I've been meaning to address this question in the newsletter and now I am going to do it. Since I have been here, we have only used sand to fill divots. This was something I had purposefully changed. To understand fully you have to know a little history about golf course fairway grasses. In the late 1960's golf course conditions became more demanding due to television. Superintendents began planting perennial ryegrass on their fairways and tees. This was the grass of choice all the way through the 1980's and into the early 1990's. Then in 1996, the first outbreak of a disease called Grey Leaf Spot appeared. This is a devastating turfgrass disease that only kills perennial ryegrass (and it does it overnight). Many golf courses were left with a choice to make. Should we spend upwards of \$20,000 on a fungicide application every August or should we regrass? At the time, Kentucky bluegrass became the cool season grass of choice for golf course fairways and tees for many reasons. It stripes up almost as well as ryegrass. It is more heat and drought tolerant than ryegrass. It is more disease resistant than ryegrass and it fills in divots on its own because it regenerates itself through rhizomes. Ryegrass is a bunch grass and does not heal itself, which is why it became customary to add seed to divot sand. Our golf course is about 85 percent bluegrass I would estimate. We want bluegrass in our fairways and on our tees. We don't want ryegrass, therefore I don't believe in adding ryegrass seed to the divot sand. Also, since we use a heavy load of pre-emergence herbicide in the spring much of the seed would never germinate anyway. "Divot mix" is an antiquated idea that I don't subscribe to for bluegrass fairways and tees.

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

BAR AND GRILL

Congratulations to John Welch, Dan Daubert, Larry Foss and David Singleton on their hole in ones!! Thanks for letting the bar and grill be a part of your celebration.

We now have smoothies in four flavors and we can now make frozen daiquiris, margaritas and pina coladas. Also added is five beer battered appetizers which include onion hot scoops, spicy pub pickles, maxi fry skin-on maxi cuts, onion straws, mushrooms and my favorite jalapeno bottle caps.

This month's Tuesday & Thursday specials are:

Tues, May 8th: Chicken Noodles, potatoes and gravy
Thu, May 10th: Soup and Sandwich
Tues, May 15th: Beef and Noodles
Thu, May 17th: Grilled Chicken and salad
Tues, May 22nd: Ham, beans & cornbread
Thu, May 24th: Roast beef sandwich
Tues, May 29th: Chicken enchiladas
Thu, May 31st: Meat loaf & scallop potatoes

Have a great summer!
Alice and Dennis

Men's Club - All Tees Results

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Tiger Woods Flight

1st	Jay Wyckoff	Robert Abell
2nd	Jim Ewart	Ben York
3rd	Duane Free	

Phil Mickelson Flight

1st	Tom Simon	Harold Siemens
2nd	Mark Eby	John Salmans
3rd	Don Donaldson	
	Jerry May	
	Mark Ziser	

Zach Johnson Flight

1st	Erick Snyder	Dan Reiners
2nd	Thom Rosenberg	
3rd	Pat Quincy	
	Bill Higinbotham	

Woody Austin Flight

1st	Larry Gardner	Don Foster
2nd	Greg Plumlee	Bud Martinez
		John Koker

Hole-in-one Congratulations:

John Welch #4 & #17
Two in 16 days! How about that!
Dan Daubert #12. Dave Singleton #4

Men's Club - ABCD Scramble Results

1st: Craig BauvolBouta-Bill Jones-Don Richardson
2nd: J. Means-Brian Hatcher-Jeff Sennett-Lee Smith
3rd: Jerry Martin-Tom Eddy-Richard Anderson-Check Perry
4th: Jim Ewart-Pat Quincy-Thom Rosenberg-David Kurtz
5th: Gary Adamson-Mark Chamberlain-Dan Reiners-Ben Burgess
Bill Higonbotham-Larry Peterson-David Singleton-Jay Wyckoff
Don Zinn-Mark Ziser-Greg Plumlee-Bob Hill
Don Donaldson-Dude Harms-Dwight Deckert-Ron Goers
Tom Simon-Harold Siemens-Dan Zimmerman-Larry Gardner
Jeff McCrory-Mark Eby-Bob Collins-Don Foster

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

Half Price Guest Day! There will be two guest days for May – the 8th and 22nd, and 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.

Ladies Club Ladies Eclectic Tournament

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A Flight

1st	Debra Christiansen	Margo Shepler
2nd	Sherrie Wynkoop	Kay Watts

B Flight

1st	Sharon Smith	Jane Luellen
2nd	Jan Davis	Wendy Turriff

C Flight

1st	Carolyn Bell	Jo Reiners
2nd	Dee Sinnett	Sherry Hawkins

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Men's Club 2007 Schedule of Events

MAY	15	6:00	League Play
MAY	19-20	9:00	4 Ball
MAY	29	6:00	League Play
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 - May 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 League	2	3 Ladies Group	4 Couples 6 pm	5
6	7 Legacy Pro-Am	8 ½ Price Guest Day	9	10 Ladies Group	11	12 Ladies Club Member- Member
13	14 River Run	15 Men's Club League	16 Ladies Club Scramble	17 Ladies Group	18 Ladies Team Play Couples 6 pm	19 Men's Club 4 Ball
20 Men's Club 4 Ball	21 Heart Spring	22 ½ Price Guest Day	23	24 Ladies Group	25 Ladies Team Play	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29 Men's Club League	30	31 Ladies Group		

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 Father's Day	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

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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

Office: 636-4653 | Bar and Grill: 858-3287

Golf Shop: 636-4653 | Maintenance: 744-0400
(GOLF)

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.