

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

Sign-up sheets are in the Pro Shop for **2008 Junior Golf**, and it's wonderful to see that many of our juniors are returning for another summer of instruction and competition. Please come by and sign up early so that we can order shirts and caps for our young golfers.

Clinics will be conducted the first two weeks: June 10-13, June 17-20 (Tuesday through Friday). 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 plan accordingly to promptly pick up your child. The older kids arrive to begin their instruction and we do not have the ability to monitor them after their clinic is done.

- Age group 10 and under will report at 9:00 a.m. A designated table will be located by the front (north) entrance for sign-in. It is important that a parent check-in with the kids on the first day so that we can confirm information. After the first day, it's fine to direct your golfer to the back deck. 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 will drive the juniors on golf carts to the south practice tee.
- Age group 11 and over will report at 10:00 a.m. for check in. The same information as above applies. In the case of siblings, if you need to drop 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 24th, July 1st, July 8th, July 15th, with the Jr. Golf Championship on Tuesday, July 22nd. For players of three and six hole golf, there will be an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start. For the nine and eighteen hole players, we will assign early morning tee times. Please remember that the three and six hole golfers will ride from tee to tee and then walk the hole, leaving their bags on the cart. **We will need adults to drive the carts.** You DO NOT have to a child in the program to volunteer! Every year we have been fortunate to have members volunteer their time and talent, and we truly appreciate this outstanding support of our program and young golfers. If you can only make one play day that's something we can work with, so don't hesitate to call and sign up for a date that fits your calendar. You DO NOT have to be an experienced golfer to help, and it is *necessary* for each child to have a parent take a turn. It's a lot of fun and we will gladly provide the brief instruction required to be a driver! Thank you for being a part of Willowbend Jr. Golf. Please call the golf shop if you have any questions.

Let's start this report with a correction. Last month's Turf Talk ended without the final sentence, thus ruining a good joke and making me sound like a crybaby. So here is how it was supposed to read:

Last but not least, feel free to contact me with all of your positive comments. Complaints should be sent to GeneAbernathy@hotmail.com.

With that out of the way, we can go on with this report. The season is upon us – or so the calendar says, but the temps still tell us winter was just here. We punched greens about two weeks early this time and the frost and hard freezes really slowed down the healing process. We are finally seeing signs of movement in the bentgrass. The poa has also awakened and is doing its thing. We applied our first application this past week and we are already starting to see signs of it working.

There are three core applications in my poa control program and then several other applications that are made as needed. We were about ten days later this year getting out because of the weather and the greens not being fully healed. In the coming days we will begin pre-emergent applications on the golf course and once that is complete, we will be looking toward fertilization.

You may have noticed that we sodded many bad spots in the fairways. We still have some to go but we are working toward the end as time allows. Also, we have been sanding the driving range tee boxes as we can. This, along with proper fertility and disease management, should help to keep them in better shape. They are never going to be perfect. They get far too much use for any grass to keep up, but they should be better. One thing that would help tremendously is that when we have the range set up on the mats, you actually use them. Many of you move up onto the grass in front of the mats. We are using the mats for a reason and ask that you respect that by staying on them.

Another thing you will see in the days to come is cart exit signs. They are made to be movable and with their use we are going to try and spread cart traffic around. What we need for you to do is as you approach the green, look for the sign and return to the cart path at some point behind that sign. One of the biggest complaints we receive is regarding turf condition around the greens. If you look on the backside where few carts travel, the turf is pretty nice; it's where folks drive constantly that the turf is thin and patchy. Do yourself and your fellow members a favor and obey the cart signs. We are going to rely on self-policing for this; also, don't be afraid to remind your groups to be aware of where they drive.

As usual my door is always open, feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns. 744-0400

Men's Club Results

All Tees Tournament

Championship Flight - Gross

1st – Jay Wyckoff (71)
2nd - Craig Rauvolabouta (73)
2nd – Jeff McCrory (73)

First Flight - Gross

1st – Mark Alfred (78)
2nd – Mark Eby (80)
3rd – Rick Gay (82)

Second Flight - Gross

1st – Thom Rosenberg (82)
2nd – Bruce Patterson (84)
3rd – Jim Nichols (85)

Third Flight - Gross

1st – Dan Reiners (80)
2nd – Dale Packham (82)
3rd – John Kelly (83)

Championship Flight - Net

1st – Dan Lindberg (71)
2nd – Cy Wiggins (73)
3rd – Mark Huenergardt (73)

First Flight - Net

1st – Don Zinn (71)
2nd – Jerry May (73)
3rd – Don Donaldson, Hank Schichtle (73)

Second Flight - Net

1st – Scott Mackey (73)
2nd – Greg Plumlee (75)
3rd – John Salmans (75)

Third Flight - Net

1st – Dwight Deckert (69)
2nd – Larry Gardner (70)
3rd – Alan Martin, Don Deckert (75)

Ladies Club Results

Eclectic Tournament

First Flight - Gross

1st – Deb Christiansen (73)
2nd – Sherri Wynkoop (82)

Second Flight - Gross

1st – Margo Shepler (85)
2nd – Carolyn Bell (87)

Third Flight - Gross

1st – Jo Reiners (96)
2nd – Pat Schroeder (96)

Fourth Flight - Gross

1st – Sherry Hawkins (103)
2nd – Michelle Koker (104)

First Flight - Net

1st – Missy Donaldson (61)
2nd – Jan Davis (67)

Second Flight - Net

1st – Jacque Sabolik (68)
2nd – Janet Ast (70)

Third Flight - Net

1st – Janice Eudy (67)
2nd – Carla Winn (68)

Fourth Flight - Net

1st – Wendy Higinbotham (66)
2nd – Anne Stevens (73)

Coming Events - May 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 City 4-Ball 12:30 pm
4 City 4-Ball 12:30 pm	5 Legacy Bank 12:30 pm	6	7 Ladies Scramble 6:00 pm	8	9 Ryan Wegruck Nationwide TBA	10 Ladies Member- Member 8:00 am
11 Ladies Member- Member 8:00 am	12 Wichita Riverfest 11:00 am	13 Half Price Guest Day	14 1st Men's League Play 6:00 pm	15	16 Team Play 8:30 am	17 Men's 4-Ball TBA
18 Men's 4-Ball TBA	19 AXA TBA	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Half Price Guest Day	28 1st Men's League Play 6:00 pm	29	30	31

Coming Events - June 2008

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1	2 NAIFA TBD	3	4 Ladies Scramble 6:00 pm	5	6 Men's Member - Guest	7 Men's Member - Guest
8 Men's Member - Guest	9	10 Half Price Guest Day Junior Golf	11 1st Men's League Play 6:00 pm Junior Golf	12 Junior Golf	13 Junior Golf	14
15	16 KGA Junior Jack Simpson 7:30 am	17 Junior Golf	18 Junior Golf	19 Junior Golf	20 Junior Golf	21
22	23 MAMBDC DONNA TBD	24 Henderson Junior Golf Junior Golf Play Day	25 1st Men's League Play 6:00 pm	26	27 US Senior Open Qualifier	28 Ladies Member- Guest 8:00 am
29	30	31				



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

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.

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.

Our Staff

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

Club Phone Numbers

Office: 636-5555 | Bar and Grill: 858-3287
Golf Shop: 636-4653 | Maintenance: 744-0400
(GOLF)

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.