

The Willow Park

MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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2006 Tournament Schedule

Mar 19 TC Choice - Red, White
and Blue
Apr 23 Regular
May 21 Presidents - Major
Jul 9 Away Tournament
Metropolitan
Jun 25 TC Choice - 5 Club
Jul 23 Directors - Major
Aug 20 Member / Guest
Sep 16 Club Championship - 2 Days
OCT 22 TOC - Skins Game
Nov 12 Turkey Shoot
Dec 10 Turkey Shoot

**Tournament Green fees are \$45.00 to be
paid 10 days in advance**

President's Column

Happy New Year, Members. Regretably, it has not been a great start to the year to hone our golfing skills at Willow Park. The weather has not been cooperative. Willow Park has been closed for most of January due to these circumstances. Because of a combination of the weather and EB-MUD's releasing water from the dam, we have had to cancel our January Tournament and may have either cancelled or re-scheduled our February Tournament by the time you receive this newsletter. Regardless, it is early and 2006 will still offer us that much more once the "Golf Gods" adjust their attitudes!!!. This will still be a terrific year for our club and I encourage each and every one to solicit you friends, neighbors and golf buddies to join for what will be a very rich and rewarding 2006 with the Willow Park Men's Club. In closing, on behalf of the entire Club, I want to thank Rene Viviani for his donation to our Club. We greatly appreciate his generous gesture and support of this Club. Thank you and Good Golfing to ALL.

George Vance, President

TC's Column

Dateline February 2006.....TC Tales from the Rough.....

By now you are all aware the course was closed for over a month. This of course resulted in the cancellation of our January tournament and the rescheduling of our February tournament to the 19th. With the large release from the Dam raising the creek to the top there was no place for the rain water on the course to go. In recent weeks they have reduced the release which should help. The course is slowly coming back alive. They opened the back nine recently. I played it the day after it opened and while wet it was playable. There are the usual problem areas but the back nine was playable. The 12th hole was turned into a 200 yard par 3. They are continuing to work to get the front side open with the 9th hole being the biggest problem. In the past they have turned this into a par 4 and may do so again to open the front.

With the course being so wet this will also mean that carts will not be available for awhile. As you know your entry fee includes the cost of a cart. Every entrant will receive a credit for each tournament where carts are not allowed. Your credit for this extra amount that will be applied to future tournaments. When your cart credits start kicking in your entry fee obligation will be less. I am keeping track and will keep you all informed. Please be prepared to walk so dust off those pull carts and carry bags.

Looking back on my first full year as TC overall I would have to say I did enjoy the position. There were some times that made me wonder but they were few and far between. As you know I have made several changes most of which I think worked out well. They of course could not have been successful without the cooperation and patience of all the members who played and the folks running the golf course who allowed me some flexibility to make some of the changes. Overall I think the year was a success and think the upcoming year should also be a good one. I may have a few more changes to keep you folks on your toes...

Upcoming Tournaments...February 19 with the deadline of February 8... (Course conditions permitting)

March 19 with the deadline of March 8...

I have created an information wall in the spike room. I have been and will continue posting several statistical reports that you may find

interesting. Give it a look when you get a chance. This is also where you can pick up a 2006 schedule, entry forms and membership forms.

I will continue to use the broadcast message system to notify you of status updates. This method uses your EMAIL address received with your membership application. Hopefully Larry Cobleigh has your most current.

Finally with the new year comes new mountains to conquer, new goals to achieve, new hopes and dreams but in all likelihood the same golf swing you had last year. See ya all on the course....

Tony Paniagua,
Tournament Chairman

Vice President

A view from the Oval Office Annex.
By your Vice President Mike Jones

I'm not Mike Jones the Football player, the Jazz Pianist or the Rapper.

I'm your Vice President Mike Jones.

I've been a member of Willow Park Men's Club since the early 90's. In that time

I have seen many changes in the membership and the golf course.

What a wonderful place to call our "Home Course." A very unique setting nestled in a peaceful little Valley where we deal with our beloved creek on all but one hole.

The course is actually getting easier with time since some of the "old" strategically placed trees have surrendered to wind, disease and age. Where else can you play a round of golf while watching a flock of wild turkey's being chased up the hill by a pack of coyotes?

Oh, and the best thing of all is the lousy cell phone reception. Where else can we play a round of golf without the ever annoying ring tone of our personal tracking devices?

Yes I think we have a good thing going. I hope you are as passionate about "our" course as I am. What we need are more new members that will share our enthusiasm and enjoy our monthly tournaments as much as we do.

So for 2006 I extend a challenge to all of us. To invite your friends, neighbors and coworkers to join our ranks.

Mike Jones , Vice President

Membership Chairman

Why You Should Notify Your Club of an Address Change

If the Post Office can't deliver NCGA membership cards, they are returned to the NCGA and are batched by club and returned to the handicap chair. If NCGA Golf magazine cannot be delivered, the Post Office tears off the cover, throws away the rest of the magazine and sends NCGA the cover only with the status of the address (it's invalid, member has moved,

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