

The Willow Park

MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Next Club Meeting:

March 30, 2006
6:30pm, WP Ballroom

Tournament Deadlines:

Wednesday, March 8

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2006 Tournament Schedule

Mar. 19 - TC Choice - Red, White & Blue
Apr. 23 - Regular
May 21 - Presidents - Major
Jun. 25 - TC Choice - 5 Club
Jul. 9 - Away Tournament - Metropolitan
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

Presidential Focus

WE FINALLY PLAYED A TOURNAMENT!
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Welcome Members. Yes, 2006 officially convened with a long awaited, twice cancelled, and re-scheduled Tournament held on February 19th. We had some 52 players still committed to play, of which 45 DID remember the re-scheduled date and teed off.

I am grateful and appreciative to Tony Paniagua for persevering and being tenacious in holding the past two months together in order to be able to play. May the Golf Gods be good to us the rest of the year! We sure deserve it. There was a silver lining to the course being closed. In spite of the lengthy delay, and maybe because of it, the course, and the greens in particular, played surprisingly well.

One other topic I wish to express is the opportunity of sharing interests with each other. I encourage any member to offer their professional or personal services to your fellow members through this format. Let's know about each member and what you do. Be it plumber, electrician, contractor, or Indian Chief, it can be beneficial to your fellow members and also to yourself. Just contact me or any Officer or Director. We will make sure to pass any pertinent information through this venue.

THANKS and Good Golfing to ALL!!!
George Vance, President

Tales from the Rough

All is well once again. Our 2006 schedule is off and running. The weather held up, the course was in pretty good shape and carts were heard rolling across the land once again. From the noise in the bar it seemed everyone had a great time. It appears that even danger lurked within the ranks. I'm sure our "President" will have a few comments on that.

There were some really low scores. Congratulations to all the winners and to Mark for low gross with a 72. I thought my 73 might hold up but at least I gave him a scare and should have him looking over his shoulder more often in the future.

With the computer down for a long time I know you were all worried that I would not be able to post your tournament scores. Now what kind of TC would I be if I let a little thing like a computer being down prevent me from easing your worries? You can rest easy knowing that I have posted all the tournament scores so they will be reflected on your March index.

I'm going to take this opportunity to clarify a couple of things.....

First is the "No Show" tournament policy. The player count is given to the course 7-8 days prior to the tournament. Once this is done the club is committed and obligated to pay for that number of players. At this point the club must pay for you whether you show up or not. If you cannot make it after the count has been finalized unless a replacement is located you will loose your entry fee. Please keep in mind that although I am more than willing to help, it is not my responsibility to find the replacement. Those who notify me prior to the player count becoming final will automatically be rolled over to the next tournament. I am sorry for any inconveniences this may cause but this has been the club policy for many years and instituted for the overall good of the club. If you have questions or need clarification please feel free to contact me.

Second is the cart situation. As you know this time of the year allowing carts is a day to day decision. I do not know whether they will be allowed. The course makes this decision and may not do so until the actual day of the tournament. Please keep this in mind when signing up. If you do not play because carts were not allowed the risk of losing your entry fee does exist.

Upcoming Tournaments

- March 19, Red, White and Blue tournament
* deadline March 8
- April 23, Regular tournament
* Deadline April 12

See ya all on the course...

Tony Paniagua, Tournament Chairman

"At Large" Columnist

Each month this column is from a different Officer, Director or Chairman.

I have been a member of the Willow Park Men's Club since 1992. It was the best thing I have ever done in my life. I have made many friends along the way.

As a member I have been a Director, Vice President and now the Secretary. For my article, I would like you to see just how your club works; we meet the last Thursday of the month in the restaurant's ballroom. The meeting is usually called to order promptly at 6:30pm by our President. He welcomes all in attendance, reviews the meeting agenda and gives a short report. It good to be President!

The Secretary (Me) is up next. I usually start by reads the minutes of our last meeting, and then a motion to approve the minutes as read will be made. With that, my public portion with the meeting is done. Although throughout the meeting I continue to take notes, so that I can prepare the minutes of the meeting.

The Treasurer then gives his report on the budget; our income and expenses for the month.

Next comes, the Membership Chairman; giving his report regarding the number of full and associate members we have and more.

Your Handicap Chairman is up next, giving his report. How we will play the next tournament; winter rules, clean and place, or play it as it lies. We play golf by the USGA's "Rules of Golf."

Our Vice President then gives his short report. After all, it's the VICE President.

The Tournament Chairman gives his report regarding the number of players we have playing in the upcoming tournament, the number flight and money we received from members and the players starting times.

Our Newsletter/Webmaster is responsible to compiling, proofreading and editing all the articles submitting by the club officers for this newsletter. He also, makes sure that the newsletter is sent out to the member and posted to the web.

After the different officer reports we then review any old business pending and discuss any new club business.

After all old and new business has been discussed a motion is made to adjourn the meeting, usually some time between 7:30pm and 8pm.

I hope this gives you a glimpse of how short but informative our monthly meetings are. I look forward to seeing you there!

PS. If you would like to see a copy of the minutes in the newsletter each month let me know and I will see that it is added.

Your Secretary - Hugh William

Hot Off the Press!

Hello! My name is Steve Falzone. I've offered to assist Daniel by taking over the compiling and editing of the club newsletter. I hope that I can bring you an enjoyable and informative monthly newsletter.

Following-up on George's suggestions above, we are talking about adding new sections to the newsletter and are looking for the membership's feedback.

Some section suggestions are:

- *Member Spotlight* (brief biography of a different member each month.)

- *Know the rules* (rules or questions about playing by the rules at WP)
- *News from the Pro Shop and/or Restaurant* (Special's, etc.)
- *Welcome New Members* (an area to welcome and acknowledge new members)
- *Birthday Corner* (section to recognize member birthdays)
- *On the lighter side* (joke and humor; sorry it must be clean).
- *Approach that Hole* (section on how a hole at WP should be played. From the view of a low, mid or high handicapper)

I am sure you can come up with other suggestions. Please let me or any of the officers know what they are and we'll see what can be done.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you on the course!

Steve Falzone, Newsletter Editor

On the lighter side

- 1) Since bad shots come in groups of three, a fourth bad shot is actually the beginning of the next group of three.
- 2) No matter how bad you are playing, it is always possible to play worse.
- 3) Never try to keep more than 300 separate thoughts in your mind during your back swing.
- 4) When your shot has to carry over a water hazard, you can either hit one more club or two more balls.
- 5) If you're afraid a full shot might reach the green while the foursome ahead of you is still putting out, you have two options: you can immediately shank a lay-up, or you can wait until the green is clear and top a ball halfway there.
- 6) Golfers who claim they don't cheat, also lie.
- 7) Everyone replaces his divot after a perfect approach shot.
- 8) It's not a gimme if you're still away.
- 9) Every time a golfer makes a birdie, he must subsequently make a triple bogeys to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe.

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