

The Willow Park

GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Club meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Next Club Meeting:

July 23, 2008 - 6:30pm
WP Bar Annex

Tournament Deadlines:

Wednesday, July 8

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2009 Tournament Schedule

Jul. 19	TC Surprise – 4 Club
Aug. 2	Away Tournament
Aug. 23	Presidents – Major
Sep. 12-13	+ Club Championship – Major
Oct. 18	+ Skins Competition
Nov. 22	TC Surprise – Red, White and Blue
Dec. 13	Regular

+ = Regular tournament PLUS special event

Presidential Focus

Wow, this is the second month in a row where the temperature was hot. I promise you as your President that I will have a serious conversation with the Tournament Chairmen. You would think he would know not to schedule tournaments when the temperature will reach 100.

It looks like the course is drying out a bit. Don't know about you but I had some drives hit the fairway and keep on going. The Greens continue to be in pretty good shape. There are some dry patch showing up which hopefully will get some extra water and care. They may be a little slower than in past years but at least the ball seems to roll well.

Speaking of dry, I know I'm getting on in years but am I the only one having trouble getting a tee in the ground at the Blue NCGA Disks on some of the tee boxes. I might have a talk with the TC about leaving a hammer on some tee boxes.

Congratulations to Geoff Eltrich this month's winner of the 50-50 raffle.

I know its a few months away but I want everyone to start thinking about our Annual Meeting in October. We will be trying to get a head count to get an idea of the attendance and probably be asking you at the August/September tournaments. All members in good standing are welcome to attend.

Please keep in mind that the October meeting is also about electing open

officer/director positions for the 2010-2011 years. I encourage you all too seriously think about running for office. I would like to see the ballot filled with names. Don't get me wrong, the current folks occupying the positions are doing a great job and of course will continue to do so if reelected. Current positions up for election are: Vice President, Treasurer, and 3 Director seats. Board Members/Directors are elected for two year terms. If any of you are interested in running for an open office please let me know.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday July 23, 2009 at Willow Park at 6:30pm. The meetings generally last less than an hour so it won't take much of your time should you wish to attend. All members are welcome to attend. Hope to see some of you in attendance.

Tony Paniagua – Club President

Tales from the Deep Rough!

Just had a serious discussion with the President about scheduling tournaments when the temperature is to reach 100. Seems to me just a few short months ago that he was complaining about how cold it was and asking for warmer weather soon. Ok perhaps the warmer became hot but at least it's no longer cold.

Those of you who read the information board on the first tee know that there was a raffle for a free entry fee to a WPMC tournament (except Away and September). Officers, Directors and Board members of the club were not eligible. The winner was George Pritchard. He can use this credit for any tournament. All he has to do is indicate on his entry form that he is using his raffle winning credit (not valid for Away or September). Congratulations George!

Congratulation to all the flight winners, apparently the heat had no effect on most of you.

Congratulations to the Closest to the pin winners Randal Fraters (White NCGA Disks), Joe Johnson (Blue NCGA Disks) and Chet Grywczynski (Red NCGA Disks and White Ball markers).

As you know this competition was taken over by our newly formed "Special Events" committee who in my opinion are doing a great job. I'm sure they would love to hear your feedback as well so let them know what you think.

To remind you how the new CP competition works. Each tee area is assigned one hole for the competition. You pay your entry fee to participate on the hole designated for the tee area you will be playing the tournament from. The entry fees collected comprise the prize awarded to the winner split 75% to the player and 25% to the club general fund. Personally I like the new way as it pays a heck of a lot better than the old method. We had some issues early on with some players putting their name down on holes they were not suppose to or putting their name down when they did not enter the competition. Seems those issues are going away.

The July tournament will be our "4 club" only tournament. Play will be from the White NCGA disks with the exception that the Ladies will continue play from the Red NCGA disks and our more experiences players will continue play from the White Ball Markers. I am making one change and that is for those playing from the Red NCGA Disks and the White Ball Markers I will be allowing a 5th club. I think this is fair and evens up the competition a little better.

Our first round Pre-Qualifier for the October Skins competition is in the books. The second round will be the August tournament. The current leaders will be posted on the Club's bulletin board in the spike room and on our website sometime during the July 4th weekend. Please remember that you have to play in the June and August tournaments to be eligible for a spot and more importantly you have to have played in at least 50% of the tournaments by the end of September to keep the spot earned. Those that Pre-Qualify but fail to have played in

50% of the tournaments will lose their spot to the next in line.

Also don't forget that if you have a dream (for most it is a dream) to be our Club Champion, you must have played in at least 3 tournaments prior to the September tournament. The September tournament does not count as one of the 3. Every current member is eligible to play in the September tournament.

Finally please don't forget that the deadline for entry in the Away tournament at Shadow Lakes in Brentwood on Sunday August 2 is Wednesday July 8. Plenty of room is still available. www.golfinbrentwood.com

Tony Paniagua – Tournament Chair

Upcoming Willow Park Tournament in 2009

Date: Sunday July 19, 2009.

Deadline: Wednesday July 8, 2009.

Club Tournament Entry Fee : \$50

Format: Individual Stroke Play with flights for all players

Special Event: 4 or 5 clubs only

2009 NCGA Tournament

Congratulation goes out to our two man best ball team of Larry Becker and Tom Holmstrom for a fine showing at the NCGA two man Best ball championships held June 29-30 at Spyglass Hill and Poppy Hills Golf Courses. They finished tied with 4 other teams with a two day net score of 138. The winning score was 126.

They completed their first round at the always difficult Spyglass Hill Golf Course with a 1 under par 71. This left them 8 shots behind the leaders who carded a net 63. The next day, playing at the Poppy Hills Golf Course, they came in with a net 67 for a two day total of 138. Unfortunately there was a lot of very low scoring in the second round with the winning team shooting a final round 59 to take the title.

It has been a long time since we have had a team in the championships and Larry and Tom did an outstanding job representing the club. I know I can speak for all the membership in offering congratulation to Larry and Tom.

<http://www.ncga.org/42nd-annual-ncga-four-ball-net-championship/>

Superintendent's Notebook

Hello Willow Park Men's Club! I am WP Course Superintendent, Bernie Holloway. I am glad I've been given an opportunity to let you know what the maintenance staff have been doing around the course.

First of all, we here at maintenance would like to wish everyone a "perfect game of golf," may all your drives be straight and your putts true! To help make that a possibility we will do our best to provide good playing conditions so bear with us as we try to make it through the summer heat with a lot of water, fertilizing and cultural practices (such as needletining and verticutting greens).

That's it for now. And thanks again for letting me update you on our activities. Have fun out there!

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