

**Welcome to another season of ARGA golf.** We are somewhat late getting started due to the weather and also due to the death of our beloved member and long-time treasurer, Julius Conway who will be missed. Fortunately, we have had another member step forward and volunteer to take over the role of ARGA treasurer and that person is Mckinley “Mack” Hudson. Mack has the background and the experience to do the job and he can expect to have the full support of the membership. Gordon Dowery and Tom Montague have audited the financial records so that Mack can start with a clean slate.

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**A General Membership Meeting** will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2007. at 3:00 PM, or immediately following golf. Activities Chair, Bob Riddick is planning a competitive golf event for the day so come out and enjoy the fun. Finger foods will be provided at the meeting

The Executive Committee has already held two meetings this year and another meeting is planned prior to the General membership meeting. Some of the main items on the General Meeting agenda will be the amount of annual dues, approval of the proposed budget for the year, changes to the ARGA Constitution, and changes to the cards and condolences policy.

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**Membership:** We expect to begin the new golf season with the return of 32 financial members. Our proposed budget for the year will be based on our having a minimum of 35 paid members. The survival of ARGA as an organization will depend on our ability to attract new members and to retain the members that we have. Therefore, all of us are asked to serve as recruiters.

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**The Disabled List:** Last year we began the season with at least eight regular members who were unable to play golf for various reasons. This year only one member will not be able to start the season with us. That is **Millard Reid** who has been out for the past two seasons trying to recover from a bad case of Lyme (deer tick) Disease. He continues to make progress but at a slow pace. He remains upbeat and is determined to get back. He claims there are people who owe him money.

Our disabled list is short due to the sheer determination and good planning of some of our members who could be forgiven if they didn't show up. **Ed Nance** and **Jim Broady** have scheduled their dialysis treatment dates so as not to conflict with Tuesday/Thursday golf and **Terry Crockett** scheduled his eye treatment and recovery period over the winter months so that he is now ready to play this spring. And there are other members with ailments that could keep them home but they come out anyway. These guys love this game and we welcome their presence.

Let's have another great season of ARGA Golf!