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Hidden Creek Golf Course is the “best bang for the buck” in Burleson, according to Director of Golf Dave White.

The Burleson municipal course enjoyed another record year for fiscal year 2007-2008, which ends Sept. 30.

“The course will exceed 40,000 rounds played for the third consecutive year,” White said. “We attract golfers from all over the Metroplex and Burleson residents are using it in record numbers. That helped put the course more than \$100,000 ahead of budgeted revenue for the year.”

As of Aug. 8, Hidden Creek Golf Course is about 8 percent under budgeted expenses and a little more than \$100,000 over in projected revenues. Ninety-nine percent of all golf course operational expenses, including salaries and benefits, are offset by revenue.

The golf course bond debt is paid out of 4B half cent sales tax revenues. That funding source has been used since the course began construction in 1995. The first round was played in February 1997. The City took over operations of the course in May 2002.

The debt service on the course was reduced by almost \$200,000 this fiscal year. The course’s operations are no longer supported by 4B funds. The 2006-2007 fiscal year was the final year of the 5-year plan to get the course to operational stability.

“The total general fund contribution last year was \$10, 618,” White said. “The course will receive no 4B supplement and no gas royalties for operations for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. If we have good weather through September, we may not need any supplement.”

The City’s course is home to the Burleson High School golf team. This year, Hidden Creek will host close to 70 corporate golf tournaments and outings, including the upcoming Meals-on-Wheels of Johnson and Ellis counties fundraising event.

“Hidden Creek is in excellent condition,” White said. “The golf course is receiving lots of positive feedback from both customers and the community. Several homeowners in the Hidden Creek Estates subdivision told us they chose this location to be near the course and they enjoy playing Hidden Creek regularly.”

White said Hidden Creek Golf Course has become a “very popular recreational outlet for many residents, which supplements the vast array of quality of life opportunities.”

Hidden Creek will be open for play on Labor Day (Monday, Sept. 1), 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

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