

# Off the Lake

JULY 11TH, 2008



## THE WILLOW ON WASCANA

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Mustard 'Fest 2008, August 9th & 10th**
- **Summer Tasting Trials continue through July & August. Check website for dates and details.**
- **Wine Club events upcoming in August. Check website for dates and details.**

## Summer Greetings

Greetings to all! It has been a long while since we've sent out a newsletter and thought it was high time that we got back to it. I'm sure everyone is enjoying the typical Saskatchewan weather. As the old saying goes..."If you don't like the weather, just wait ten minutes." That said, it's been as busy as usual on the deck at The Willow. The BIG DIG sure made a difference in the park and the way people feel about it. I know I can't spend enough time in Wascana Park myself. We take the kids for a walk around the lake at least twice a week. We park at The Willow, then walk south across the Broad St. Bridge and around that way. I found that usually puts the wind at our backs as we come down the home stretch. The dog likes

that route too. We usually let her off lease just as we get across the bridge and down to the water. She loves a quick splash around, chasing her tennis ball, and that way she's pretty well dried off by the time we get back to the truck. Yes, I know we're not supposed to let her off lease, but she's a lab and goes nuts



The Willow in summertime.

when she sees the water. I notice also that people seem to be more diligent cleaning up after their pets. Great civic pride! My son loves to see if he can ride his bike under the waterfall without getting wet. He never succeeds, so the walk is good for drying him off too. We stop at the playground near the bandstand and have a little snack and watch him climb and swing. Dad likes to swing too, under Mom's embarrassed gaze. Then on we go. If there's a nicer urban park in north American, then I haven't heard of it.

If the boy has been good then we sometimes stop at The Willow for a quick dessert treat and then home for a rest.

It's a great city we live in!

## Mustard 'Fest 2008



Last year's Mustard Festival was a great success and so we're doing it again. French's Mustard has come on board a corporate sponsor. The 'Fest has been expanded and the format changed to give everyone the best chance to take part. On Saturday, August 9th starting at

5pm the participant restaurants will be featuring a mustard-themed special dish at their own locations. That means some really great dining around town. Then, on Sunday August 10th, at 2pm is the French's Mustard Chef Challenge. The chef that presents the dish that best

showcases mustard will win the coveted Yellow Jacket. At 3pm is the Mustard Q on the deck at The Willow. There will be dining and fun for all. Tickets for the Mustard Q are \$15 for adults and children are free with hotdogs for them. Don't miss it.

# Willow Wine Club

Find us at  
3000 Wascana Dr.  
Regina, Sask.

In Wascana Park,  
near the marina.

Check the website  
for Google Map.

Always hiring.  
We always need  
more good people  
in the kitchen and  
working with guests.  
If you have what it  
takes, or know  
someone who does,  
let us know. We're  
a designated  
teaching facility so  
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Membership continues to grow and feedback from the members has been outstanding. There's even a members-only newsletter published by the members themselves. Seems like everyone is having a great time! That said, the wine classes that Dave was hosting were so successful that we're going to start running non-member versions later in the year. Watch the website announcements to check in on when these will begin. Also the "Top Drops" event held in June was such a success that plans are underway to make similar fairs part of a regular

line-up of events. Thank you to the wine reps and SLGA who give Dave and the Wine Club such great support. To cap the summer off, Dave is taking a small group of members on a fantastic excursion to Kelowna in August, to visit some of Canada's top wineries, do some tasting, and some terrific dining. I can't wait to hear all about it when they get back. The trip is something that Dave has wanted to put together for a couple of years now and I'm jealous I couldn't go myself. As the TV ad says, "Membership has it's privileges!"

**Summer is the season  
of giving !**

The Willow has been proud to sponsor prizes for some very worthwhile charity events this summer. Thank you to all that worked for & supported the;  
**21st Annual Cosmo  
Charity Fair & Auction**  
and the  
**Autism Resource Centre**  
Remember that charity begins at home!

## Tasting Trials Continue



Tasting Trials continue at The Willow for the rest of the summer. What does this mean? Well, our mission is always to provide our guests with the best dining experience in the city. So the tasting trials are a way we use to get the dishes that will showcased on the next season's menu all tweaked out and

perfected before launch. You get a great meal and a sneak peek at the next menu for a super price. The meal is presented in a tasting menu format so you get to try a variety of dishes and it's a fun way to eat. Book your reservation now for Monday,

July 28th, or for Monday, August 18th. Only \$45 per person. (Taxes and gratuity not included)