



APRIL 2010  
**Newsletter**

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# Wildflowers

## APRIL SCHEDULE

**TUESDAY - 9AM**

**APRIL 6**

**MUTT AND JEFF**

Individual low net - par 3 and par 5 holes only

**APRIL 13**

**MATCH PLAY vs PAR**

Net score on a hole is better than par = 1pt

Net score on a hole same as par = 1/2 pt

Net score on a hole more than par = 0 pt

Most points win.

**LUNCH AFTER PLAY AT SOLOMON'S**

**APRIL 20**

**FOUR CLUBS and A PUTTER**

Choose four clubs to use for the round in addition to your putter before starting play.

Low net wins.

**APRIL 27**

**ONLY PAR 4s**

Add up net scores for only par 4 holes

**JOIN US!**

Call the Pro Shop and sign up! 846-8376

Annual dues: \$30. pay at club desk.

PLUS: \$5.00 for ringer tournament and/or

\$5.00 for hole-in-one tournament

**Kay Mead Memorial Tournament**

**Sunday, April 18**

Call the Pro Shop to sign up

**Three Jacks & A Jill**

**Tuesday, May 11**

\$15 includes lunch!



### HAPPY EASTER!

This is the Christmas Cactus the Wildflowers gave me for Christmas 3 years ago! It blooms twice a year! THANKS! - Jeanette



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## March Play Results



**MARCH 9!** Great weather!! Pictured above: Diana Turner, Joyce Wall, Sara Ramsey, Tez Charlton, Angela Gudgeon, Kim Waterhouse, Carol Smith, Jeanette Benjey (not pictured). Crier's Tournament: winners were Diana 1st place, Kim and Sara tied for 2nd.



**MARCH 16!** Par 3 Lucky Charm Tournament. Pictured L to R: Glenda Jenkins, Betty Maerker, Jeanette Benjey, MARK, Gillian Raymond, Carol Smith, Kim Waterhouse, and in front Diana Turner. Winners for closest to the pin #4: Kim, #6: Glenda, #12: Betty, #17 Diana.

**MARCH 23!** Kim Waterhouse, Diana Turner, Jeanette Benjey, Claire Vaeth, Glenda Jenkins and Tez Charlton played but because of the weather no tournament.

With the Masters coming up next week the Golf Season is springing up! Our winter membership drive was a big success. Weekday memberships surpassed our goal as we are at 154 weekday members. With the economy slowly recovering regular memberships fell short of our target.

During 2009 and the first three months of 2010 Wildwood Green membership has grown by more than 140 new members. With a larger membership we look forward to bigger member tournaments and events. Our first member tournament held March 20th experienced a 30% increase compared to last year's Kick Off Event.

Last month we asked all members to share their comments by filling out more comment cards & reading the Club newsletter to keep better informed. We promised those who did would be placed in a monthly drawing.

The March Winners are:

**Bill Striegel**—Free 18 Hole Cart Fee

**Norm Tuomi**—Free 18 Hole Cart Fee

**Bob Sanchez**—Gift Certificate to Courtyard Café

Sally Stoehr mentioned the idea of an Adopt-A-Hole program to keep our Greens in the best shape possible. Please contact me if you would like to Adopt a particular hole & fix 5 or 6 ball marks each time you play.

In closing, we want to again thank all of our members for their help and support as we continue to work toward improving your club.



**Willis Denmark**  
General Manager  
Wildwood Green Golf Club



## Staff Spotlight

Assistant Golf Professional

**Kelly Malott**

Wildwood Green Golf Club wants to welcome our newest employee to the staff: Kelly Malott.

Kelly is married to his wife Whitney and together they have a 6 year old son named Patrick.

Kelly comes to us after working at Old Chatham Golf Club in Durham for the past 2 years.

Kelly is a native of Williamsburg, VA where he played basketball from 1983-1987 at Austin Peay State University.

Before going to work at Old Chatham, Kelly worked at Windermere in Florida where he worked and studied under Andy O'Brien, the teaching professional and coach to several PGA Tour players.

Kelly turned professional in 1994 and played various mini-tours in Florida for 12 years. His lowest professional competitive round was a 63 in 1996 on the Tommy Armour Tour. He has recorded 2 professional holes-in-one along with 3 professional wins.

Next time you are in the golf shop, stop by and say hello to Kelly!

## Member News

**Jerry Bitzenhofer** scored a hole-in-one on the 17th Hole March 6, 2010. Playing into a strong breeze, Mr. Bitzenhofer used a 6-Iron to Ace the 135 yard 17th. His playing partners that day were Thomas Laughlin, Joe Gorlesky and Mark Bitzenhofer.

From the **Tar Heel Seniors Tour** at Pine Hollow GC Monday March 22, 2010: **Cliff Seatrunk** came in 2nd Place with a 77 Gross. Also, **Bob Rudolph** won 1st Place Low Net with a net 69.

**Arnold Ewing** shot 4 better than his age on Friday March 26, 2010. His 75 was his personal best in 2 years. Arnold followed his 75 with a 71 Sunday March 28, 2010. A new Adams Golf Company Driver Arnold used gave him 20yds extra. Great playing Mr. Ewing!

**Fred L. Watkins** a member of Wildwood Green for over twenty years has just had a book published. Mr. Watkins graduated from Duke University and has been married to his wife Cathy for 53 years. He served in the Air Force for thirty years and flew 118 combat missions during Vietnam. He has three children and seven grandchildren. He has a passion for God, country and family. His new book is available at Publish America.com/products, Amazon.com or call 1-301-695-1707 or visit Quail Ridge Books & Music at 3522 Wade Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27607, 919-828-1588.

**Sue, Mary and Charles**, is a collection of bedtime stories told to calm children as they get ready for bed. Three siblings, who live in a castle, discovered many secrets. The children love to explore and find adventure in tunnels, lost treasures plus trips to the forest, which is home to strange animals. They adopt pets easily and these pets add to their games and develop into protectors of the children and the family. Each chapter is short with some suspense and always an ending that shows respect with a touch of wonder at what comes next.

The following is an excerpt from Fred's Book.

### Chapter IX

Before the drawbridge was fully down, Sue, Mary and Charles had decided not to tell anyone about the cave, yet all three wondered if they would ever go back. Several weeks later on a warm and sunny day, it was such a nice day for a ride, that without really discussing where they would go, each went to the kitchen to pack a lunch for a ride to the edge of the forest. Halfway across the meadow, Mary looked at Charles and Sue and said "What caused that noise?" They all know they must enter the cave again. With only a short pause in the small outer cave to light candles for the lanterns, Charles slipped into the rocky hillside.

Sue and Mary were so close behind, they kept bumping into each other. Only their voices could be heard, but they were almost whispering.

"Listen! Quiet! Do you hear that?" asked Sue.

Darker, cooler and closer quarters made the kids move slowly, watching each step. The lantern made shadows dance around the walls.

"Stop!" said Mary. "Look!"

The damp ground made easy footprints, but Sue saw small paw prints, like those of a large cat.

Mary noticed little scrape marks along both sides of the paw prints. Charles soon tired of looking down at the ground and started ahead. Without saying a word, Charles stopped and began backing up until he bumped into the girls.

"Look where you're going!" they cried.

"Shhh!" whispered Charles. "Look!"

Straight ahead were two little red lights that blinked. No one moved. Slowly, Sue raised her lantern to see better, and farther down the cave, sitting quietly in the middle of the path was a cute little brown and green animal with small front paws and large back legs. It had a big tail that swung back and forth. They all felt better because of the wagging tail, and Mary wanted to pet the cute, but rugged little thing. A short little snort stopped her. Sue pulled on Mary and Charles's sleeves to make them back up. Charles tore small pieces of bread covered with peanut butter and placed them on the ground as they slowly back out of the cave. The little animal is just as cautious as the kids, but it does stop to eat the bread as it slowly follows the retreating cave explorers. They were almost out of the main cave, with the little animal close behind, eating and softly snorting.

Snort! Flash! Roar! A bright light, smoke and noise filled the entire cave, and the kids fall backwards, dropping all but one lantern. Too frightened to move, the kids see just behind the smoke, a bright flame and a large, large animal just like the little snorter. From stories they had heard at the castle, they new this must be a dragon. The little dragon backed up beside the large animal's enormous tail and continued to eat a piece of bread. It looked like a smile on the tiny little face. The mother dragon felt better with the little one close by and stopped blowing flames and smoke toward the kids.

"Now is our time to get away, keep backing up and out," said Charles, as he continued to put down more bread, and he waved a little good-bye as the kids crawled out of the cave. The little dragon was still wagging its tail.

Outside in the warm sunlight, it was decided that now they must share their newest secret with Mom and Dad.

## Golf Shop News

### April 2010 Hours of Operation

Wildoats/Wildflowers start at 9:00 AM  
Gaggle starts at 12:00 PM

#### April Clinic Dates:

Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3-4 PM - Driver Clinic – Only 5 spots left open!

Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 PM - Chipping and Pitching Clinic – All spots are filled for this clinic

Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup> from 3-4 PM - Chipping and Pitching Clinic – Only 9 spots left open!

Tuesday April 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 PM - Putting Clinic – Only 2 spots left open!

If you haven't signed up for the clinics, grab a clinic schedule from the Golf Shop counter, pick the 5, 10 or 15 clinic package and sign up for the clinics of your choosing. We have had a great response to these clinics so far and some have already filled up. Please see the Golf Shop for special Member Pricing!

#### April Tournament/Social Dates:

The first men and lady package event will be held on Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup> with a 9:00 AM shotgun start. The price of all the package events is \$25, if you pay the day of the event, or you can sign up prior to the day of the event for only \$20. You can also sign up for all 5 Package Events for a total price of \$60. That's a savings of \$65 if you sign up for all 5 events!!! Don't forget...Online registration has been introduced. Sign into the website as a member and pay online for these events!

Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup> will be the first Pro-Am of the 2010 golfing season. It will be a 1:00 PM Shotgun start. Reserve your place to play with your Club Pro's and a few outside pro's!

Thursday April 22<sup>nd</sup> the Wildoats luncheon will be held. Lunch will be served rain or shine! Dues will need to be paid that day and elections will be held.

Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> will be the first Couples Event of 2010. By the end of 2009 we had great turnouts for these couples's events. It is a great way to meet other couples and have fun! 9 holes will be played starting as a 5:00 PM Shotgun start. Hole prizes will be awarded.

## Wildwood Green GC Golf Academy

### Presents this month's Focus on Fundamentals

By  
**Kevin Hamski**



#### Sidehill Success

Undoubtedly in your rounds at Wildwood you will come across more than a few sidehill lies. Getting properly set up to these shots is necessary to hit more greens in regulations and shoot lower scores.

The first shots to cover will be the uphill and down hill lies. The key to success with these shots lie primarily with your spine angle at address. With both types of shots you want to be as perpendicular to the slope as possible. This allows you to swing with the slope instead of against it and will be a key to consistent contact. Remember to adjust for the slope with your club selection, however, as uphill shots will fly much higher and downhill shots will be much lower with the change in loft at address. Especially on uphill shots the wind will be much more of a factor and should be considered when making your club selection.

A trickier shot to master is the sidehill lies that can be found on holes like eleven. With the ball above your feet you will want to make a few compensations at address. First you will want to have your weight slightly more toward your toes to account for the slope and secondly grip down on the club slightly. The main key, however, will be to allow for the ball to move right to left. Typically with a shot where the ball is above your feet your swing will become flatter and produce a shot that turns right to left. Conversely, when the ball is below your feet you will make a much more upright swing that produces a shot that moves left to right. It is important to account for this in all sidehill lies and adjust your aim accordingly. When the ball is below your feet one key to success with these shots is to maintain your knee flex through the shot. The weight should also be positioned more toward the heels in this shot. This will allow you to stay down through the shot and hit the ball solidly.

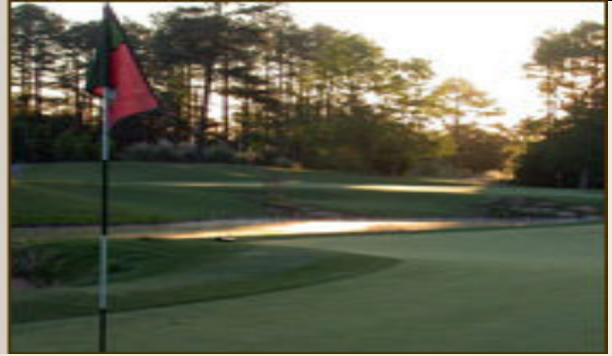
**For more golf advice and individual attention, schedule a lesson with a WWG Golf Academy Certified Instructor.**

## Course Update

Greetings Wildwood Green Members. Spring has finally arrived and with the warmer temperatures the golf course will begin to green up. Our fairways, roughs and tees are slowly beginning to grow and with this there will be several agronomic practices implemented. A pre-emergent herbicide will be applied on all bermuda for the prevention of summer annual weeds such as crab grass. There will also be some aerification practices on our higher traffic areas on bermuda to help reduce compaction and wear. Greens have recovered well from aerification and we will begin applying several more light topdressings over the next few months to help improve the smoothness. The break in the weather has also allowed us to complete our bunker project and I would like to thank all of you for your patience. Please continue to fill out comment cards and as always I can be reached via e-mail at [rick@wildwoodgreen.com](mailto:rick@wildwoodgreen.com) Hope to see you all on the links.

Sincerely,

Rick Durham  
Golf Course Superintendent



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