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Newsletter

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Coming to the club after a challenging day or week of work is a great way to unwind. Our staff continues to do an excellent job serving the membership with a warm welcome and a smile showing they truly care. The comment cards members complete have been very helpful to the staff to focus on providing the level of service our members expect. We thank you for your help. Despite extremely demanding weather conditions, the golf course is in great shape and we want to thank all the members for sharing those thoughts repeatedly. On our website more and more members are posting pictures and completing their profile information. As we continue to grow member profile information, we'll move toward our own social network at Wildwood Green. We want to thank you for your continued support of the club and please come play more golf with us.

Willis Denmark
General Manager



Testimonial from Hilliard Green:

Willis,

This a long over-due email... The golf course at Wildwood is in unbelievable GREAT shape. With the dry, HOT weather we've had, I don't see how Rick and his staff have managed to keep the course in this condition. The greens are great... the sand traps stay raked, and the fairways are in better shape than ever despite the dry, hot weather. The guys I play with are in total agreement, regardless of whether or not they let you know or not.

The steps on number 4 are a real asset... three Chinese Boxwoods on each side of the steps would look great and add to the beauty of the green. I think the starters and rangers set up is working out great. They all seem to handle their jobs well. One thing the rangers are doing that is a real asset to the members and guests is carrying ice and water in their cart, especially during this extremely hot weather.

Willis, your staff in the pro-shop and snack bar are ALL and asset to the club. Even YOU are doing a GREAT job. Keep up the GOOD work and thanks for everything..

Warmest regards,

Hilliard

Snack Bar Update

What's new for the month of August in the Wildwood Green snack bar? Wine! We have acquired our wine license and are now carrying four new wines. To roll out this great news, we are hosting a complimentary wine tasting for the first 50 members to RSVP. This event will be held on Wednesday August 4th from 6:30-8:30 at the clubhouse. This wine tasting is A Taste of Italy, and we will have Kelli Beck from the Fine Wine Trading Company to present some nice Italian wines and answer any questions. Light appetizers will also be served to pair with the wines. You can RSVP to Leslie at leslie@wildwoodgreen.com.

Leslie Roth
Food & Beverage Manager

Golf Humor

At dawn the telephone rings . . .

"Hello, Señor Rod?" This is Ernesto, the caretaker at your country house."

"Ah yes, Ernesto. What can I do for you? Is there a problem?"

"Um, I am just calling to advise you, Señor Rod, that your parrot - he is dead."

"My parrot? Dead? The one that won the International competition?"

"Sí, Señor, that's the one."

"Damn! That's a pity! I spent a small fortune on that bird. What did he die from?"

"From eating the rotten meat, Señor Rod."

"Rotten meat? Who the heck fed him rotten meat?"

"Nobody, Señor. He ate the meat of the dead horse."

"Dead horse? What dead horse?"

"The thoroughbred, Señor Rod."

"My prize thoroughbred is dead?"

"Yes, Señor Rod, he died from all that work pulling the water cart."

"Are you insane?? What water cart?"

"The one we used to put out the fire, Señor."

"Good gracious!! What fire are you talking about, man???"

"The one that destroyed your house, Señor! A candle fell and the curtains caught on fire."

"What the heck?? Are you saying that my mansion is destroyed because of a candle??!!!"

"Yes, Señor Rod."

"But there's electricity at the house!! What was the candle for?"

"For the funeral, Señor Rod."

"WHAT BLOODY FUNERAL??!!!"

"Your wife's, Señor Rod. She showed up very late one night and I thought she was a thief, so I hit her with your new Taylor Made Super Quad 460 golf club."

SILENCE LONG SILENCE

"Ernesto, if you broke that driver, you're in big trouble!!"

Congratulations to Teaching Professional, Jeff Engelhaupt, on passing the PGA Playing Ability Test Monday, July 12, 2010 at Little River Country Club in Aberdeen, NC. Jeff posted rounds of 76-72 to take his first big step toward becoming a PGA Member. Congratulations Jeff!!!!



Members **Carter Jenkins** and **Ryan Gerard** won their divisions in the Tarheel Golf Foundation Junior Tour Events at Wildwood Green Golf Club's One Day Event

Carter Jenkins (2013) of Raleigh continued his trademark steady play at Tarheel Golf Foundation events. Playing in his first summer one day series event of 2010, **Jenkins** posted a one under par score of 69 at the 6,473 yards Wildwood Green Golf Course in Raleigh, NC, where the heat index topped 114 degrees. **Jenkins** was the top player in a field of 30 high school boys. Close behind was Jake Britt (2012) of Wake Forest with an even par 70, followed by Jonah Shelton (2013) of Stoneville. The event was ranked by the Carolina's Golf Association and participants earned TYGA ranking points.

Ryan Gerard (2017) took the middle school boys division posting a score of 79 playing from 5,663 yards. He won by 3 strokes over Brian Chen (2017) of Cary who posted 82, and by 5 over Jimbo Stanley (2017) of Raleigh who came in with an 84.

Member Testimonials

Willis and Rick,

I wanted to write a quick note thanking you for your efforts in getting the course in the best shape I have seen since being a member. I know you have made some investments in equipment that make maintenance on the greens and fairways easier. Thanks much for reinvestment in the course. Thanks the most for listening to your members and responding back by implementing some of the suggestions for improvement. Very nice work gentlemen.

Mike Stanley

Willis: I just would like to say that the course is looking and playing great. The work you folks have done and the money you reinvested into the course seems to be paying off. I am also impressed with the quality of leadership your new staff has achieved. It's always a pleasure talking to them and hearing their opinion on equipment, and the general state of the game.

The new addition of Erica and Kelly show that you are truly needing and wanting to improve customer relations and help the members with their playing ability.

As I voiced by displeasures early in the year, it now allows me to praise your efforts. I know there is more work needed but to this point things are really looking up! Besides paying my dues on time, if there is anything I can do to improve my membership, please feel free to let me know.

So my friend, KUDOS to you and the staff at Wildwood.

Respectfully Yours

Jeffrey Wehner



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Golf Shop News

August 2010 Hours of Operation

Every day first Tee Time 7:00 AM

Wildflowers start at 8:00 AM

Wildoats start at 8:30 AM

Gaggle starts at 10:00 AM

August Events

August will mark the 21st annual Jack Ratz Junior Memorial Golf Tournament. All junior members are invited to play in this event. Cost is \$45 per junior to play and it will be held Monday **August 9th 2010**.

Please see the website for more details!

Our 9-Hole Couples Event returns on **Sunday, August 22nd**. We have had a great response to these events so please come out and enjoy the fun! Cost is \$20 per couple not including cart fee and it will start at 5PM. Dinner will be served after play is over.

The 4th Men's and Ladies Package Event will be held on Saturday **August 28th** as an 8 AM Shotgun. The format for this package event will be 2 Best Ball Net on the odd holes and 3 Best Ball Net on the even holes. Cost for the package event is \$20 (not including cart fee) if you pay before the day of the event and \$25 if you pay on the day of the event. Make sure you call the Golf Shop to sign up, or you can sign up online through our website!

Pace of Play

Beginning this summer, we began teeing off on hole #10 on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays.

This was done to help our perceived Pace of Play issues. We also began instituting tee-time intervals of 9 minutes. These two factors have gone a long way in helping our Pace of Play.

We will continue to begin play on these days off of #10. There may be some special events, or maintenance issues that may have us start on #10 on other days of the week.

Pace of Play Reward

Beginning Sunday August 1st, we will have a Pace of Play reward for groups playing under our allotted time of 4 hours and 15 minutes.

Between the hours of 8am-11am, our starters will hand out a POP card to either a 3some or 4some at the rate of 1 card per hour. The starter will record what time the last player hit his tee shot off the tee box that will begin your time. At the turn, you will record what time you concluded your first nine and what time you began your 2nd nine. At the end of your round, you will record what time the last putt was holed for the completion of your round.

Simply bring this card into one of the golf shop employees for verification of the time. If you finished in the allotted time, each person in the group will be rewarded with a fountain beverage from our snack bar.

Wildwood Green GC Golf Academy

Presents this month's Focus on Fundamentals

By

Erica Gonzalez



"Fairway Bunker Shot"

A lot of golfers struggle out of the fairway bunkers because they have the misconception that in order to get it out of the sand you must hit it out just as you would a green side bunker. This is false. The fairway bunker shot is actually a lot less complex and a much easier shot to hit. Here are a couple helpful hints to help a player have success out of those pesky fairway bunkers.

First off make sure the club that you chose has a sufficient amount of loft to get it over the lip of the bunker. No matter how good your contact is with the ball, if you do not have enough of a lofted club the ball will struggle getting over the lip.

Set up is very important here. Unlike a green-side bunker the player should not dig their feet into the sand. This is because we are not trying to hit the sand before the ball. Also, you should stand tall gripping a couple inches down on the club. This is so we can strike the ball clean. Play the ball about an inch further back in the stance than normal, to help guarantee you hit the ball before the sand.

During the swing we want to keep it as short and quiet as possible. This means not taking a "Driver-like" swing at the ball and quieting your lower body. Also make sure you follow through and hold that finish! Seeing that we are making the club shorter and not swinging out of our shoes I would take one club more than you normally would. So if you hit your 7 iron 150 yards and you find yourself in a fairway bunker at about that distance take your 6 iron and swing at it with confidence.

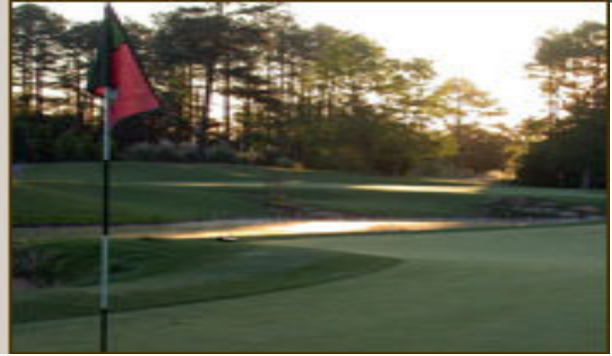
For more golf advice and individual attention, schedule a lesson with a WVG Golf Academy Certified Instructor.

Course Update

Greetings Wildwood Green Golf Club members. The summer of 2010 has been one of the hottest on record. This heat has caused stress to the greens and we are taking many precautions to protect them. The maintenance team has been out hand watering during the afternoon hours to help cool down the temperatures on the putting surface. Simply by syringing the greens, temperatures can be dropped on the turf canopy by 10 degrees. Solid tine aerification will also be completed on weaker greens on weekly bases. This agronomic practice can provide relief by allowing water and air to penetrate into the soil profile without much disruption in playability. A core aerification has been scheduled for September 7th and 8th. The summer heat has allowed many weeds to pop thru our pre-emergent barrier. Goose grass or crows foot has invaded some of the greens. The only way to eliminate this will be to pick it out by hand, which we have been doing over the past month. The sod on number two fairway and twelve collar has done very well. We have also added sod on twelve and fifteen tees along with some of the collars on eleven and eighteen. I would like to thank everyone for comments and as always I can be reached via e-mail at rick@wildwoodgreen.com

Sincerely,

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Wildflowers

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AUGUST SCHEDULE

TUESDAY - 8AM

AUGUST 3

LOW NET

Only Par 4's (add up net scores for par 4s)

AUGUST 10

Match Play vs. Par
(LUNCH AFTER PLAY)

AUGUST 17

Reverse Lady Chapman

AUGUST 24

Superball

AUGUST 31

Low Putts

JOIN US!

Call the Pro Shop and sign up! 846-8376

Annual dues now prorated to \$15.

Pay at club desk.

PLUS: \$5.00 for ringer tournament and/or
\$5.00 for hole-in-one tournament

The Wildflowers' Member-Member Tournament Tuesday, July 27!

Despite the threat of rain, which was a big change from the scorching hot days of the past week, the Wildflowers Member-Member went off without a hitch. This year's winners are: Marti Ranney and Tez Charlton!! Congratulations!! Their names will be added to our Member-Member plaque on the wall of the grill room!



YUM!! LOOK AT THE GREAT FOOD!



Chicken salad, potato salad, salads galore!

Wonderful desserts and cookies too!



LUNCH AFTER THE MEMBER-MEMBER. L-R, Diana Turner, Sara Ramsey?, Kim Waterhouse, Carol Smith, Diane Rupert, Marti Ranney, Yueh-Ju Wei, and Tez Charlton.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JOYCE WALL
JULY 30

No Aug. birthdays that we know of