



# December 2009 Newsletter

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I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving as we all start preparing for the Christmas Season. Jeff and Zack did a great job decorating our Christmas Tree in the Golf Shop.

Remember, the Wildflowers and Wildoats Christmas Social is Wednesday, December 2nd at 6:00 till 8:00 PM. This is followed by the Member's Christmas Party Wednesday, December 9th starting at 6:00 PM. I wonder if John Budwine has any surprises for us. For planning & food preparation please call the Golf Shop to let us know you will be at the Member's Christmas Party.

**Christmas Party Option:** Please email me at [willisdenmark@wildwoodgreen.com](mailto:willisdenmark@wildwoodgreen.com) if you would like to participate in a "Dirty Santa Gift Exchange". Buy something unusual for \$10 or less and we will have a few laughs together.

We recently placed the "Staff Christmas Fund" box on the counter in the Golf Shop. In a very short period of time fifty-nine Members have responded with a generous thank you to our Golf, Turf Care and Food Service Staff. The entire Staff really appreciates all of our Members acknowledging their commitment to Member Service.

Many things have been accomplished in our 1st Full Season at Wildwood and we are very excited about the upcoming 2010 Season.

We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

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## Staff Spotlight



Our staff spotlight this month is our Head Golf Professional and Director of Instruction-John Budwine.

John began his career in 1981 at Jamestown Park working for Willis Denmark-yes, the same Willis Denmark that is our General Manager! John worked for Willis for 3 years while learning the ins and outs of the golf business.

In 1984, John moved on to Hilton Head where he worked as an assistant at Port Royal Plantation.

In 1985, John worked as the First Assistant at Forest Oaks Country Club in Greensboro. In 1987, John was named Head Golf Professional and stayed in that capacity until 1996 after which he leased his own driving range and par 3 golf course. In 1999, John moved to Ocean Isle Beach where he served as the assistant at Bricklanding Plantation. In 2001, John became the Head Golf Professional and began his own golf school - Myrtle Beach Golf Academy.

In 2005 John joined Golf-TEC-an indoor teaching facility based in Denver CO. He was the Director of Instruction at the Cary location then moved to the Golfsmith location as Director of Instruction.

In September of 2008, John received a call from Willis asking if he would like to come to work for him again at Wildwood Green GC. The chance to come full circle with someone you began your career with was an offering too good to be true! John jumped at the chance and began his tenure in October of 2008. John serves as the Head Golf Professional and Director of Instruction at the Wildwood Green GC Golf Academy.

Those of you who have taken a lesson from John knows the passion and dedication he shows in his teachings.

# In Loving Memory of Kay Meade

November 1, 1929 - November 19, 2009

Kay was a longtime member of Wildwood Green. Over the years she has been our longest member involved with the Wildflowers, she played most weekends and could be seen enjoying her liquid lunch on the patio. Kay was a well loved member whose age defined the saying "Never too old to play golf". She was adventuresome and would travel when Wildwood was not open. She had the ability to connect with young and old members and was a close personal friend of the Watsons. Her artistic talents were a part of the Wildflowers Invitational events, painting the banner and often donating knitted afghans to raise funds.



Denise Kane and Kay at Kay's party at Duffy's, March 18, 2009

Kay brought us wisdom and humor, and we all were told of her love of pets. The animals on the course were often treated with goodies from Kay. We mere mortals had to fend for ourselves but Kay ensured the pets were looked after.



Kay at her 80th birthday party at Milton's, Nov. 1, 2009.

Kay had a few favorite stories for different holes, but 15 was Kay's. Most ladies hit their drive and it goes towards Kay's Corner. Chris Butler and Sally Stoehrer painted a plaque for Kay's Corner last year when Kay found she could not play golf for a while. She was thrilled with their artwork and thoughtfulness.



Carol Sepich, Kay, and Kim Waterhouse at Kay's 80th birthday party Nov. 1, 2009.

*Kay put up a brave battle and is now at peace.*

*A lovely lady who will be sadly missed.*

## Member News

### Great Shots in November!

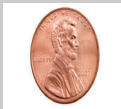
Please let us know when you're playing in a golf tournament away from Wildwood Green. We'd like to share the results with all your friends.

John Budwine  
Head Golf Professional



### Penny Games

Enjoy the fun by participating in the **Penny Games!** Simply pull a slip out of the bowl located in the Golf Shop and multiply the **number** by **.01**, then pay the price. Hopefully you draw a winning number. Over **\$6,000** in PRIZES!



Here's an **Example:**

A person pulls the Number **100**, times it by **.01**, they pay **\$1.00**. No pull will exceed **\$10**.

**Penny Games** receipts will be used to **purchase the prizes**, add a **52" Wide Screen Television** and pay **PGA Education** expenses for **Zack Goldberg** and **Jeff Englehaupt** as they work toward their goal to become certified PGA Members.

### Recent Penny Games Winners

<b>Name</b>	<b>Prize</b>
Bob Sanchez	Dozen TF Gamers
Lisa Gervasio	Cleveland Hi Bore Hybrid
Ron Smith	WWG Umbrella
Regina Wright	NXT Sleeve
Denny Martin	18 Hole Cart
Nick Gula	\$50 Gift Certificate
David Gavin	WWG Umbrella
Rick Durham	NXT Sleeve
Arthur White	Top Flite Gamer Sleeve

## Wildwood Green GC Golf Academy

### Presents this month's Focus on Fundamentals

By  
**Zack Goldberg**



### Golf Driving Tips – Learn How To Hit The Ball Farther And With More Accuracy

Hitting your drives more accurately is an important skill to develop when it come to lowering your golf handicap and shooting lower scores. You need to develop good swing mechanics and then be able to repeat it consistently. As golf courses get longer it becomes important to know how to not only drive the ball straight but also far.

#### **Take Advantage Of Leverage:**

Leverage is an important key that can help you to hit your drives farther. The leverage in the golf swing is developed by the 'lag' or the angle created by the club and your left hand if you are a right handed golfer. The longer you can hold this angle the more energy is stored and created for release through the impact zone thus resulting in the maximum club head speed. A great way to maximize the use of leverage is to think of the golf club as a whip and feel your self whipping the club through the impact zone.

#### **Focus On Accuracy:**

Remember that inaccurate drives rarely go very far so driving the ball straight and getting more distance go hand in hand. In order to drive a golf ball straight you need to make solid contact and put the right amount of spin and also launch the ball at the appropriate trajectory. Swing well within yourself and focus on developing effortless power as that is best way to develop a consistent swing that drives the ball long and straight.

#### **Create Maximum Lag:**

Another good tip is to start the downswing by pulling your left shoulder up towards the sky. This will help to create further lag and thus more club head speed. Wrist strength is also important so go to the gym or use dumbbells at home and work on wrist curls as they will help to strengthen the muscles in your wrists. However you do not need massive power or big muscles to hit the ball far, focus on accuracy and the club head speed and distance will follow soon enough. Better physical fitness can help you to hit the driver further and straighter.

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

**Golf Shop News**  
**December 2009 Hours of Operation**  
 Weekend Shotgun start at 10:00 AM  
 Weekday First Tee Time will start at 9:00 AM

• **Wildoats & Wildflowers Christmas Social December 2nd 6:00 - 8:00 PM**



• **Member's Christmas Party December 9th Starts at 6:00 PM**



## Rules of Golf

**How well do you know the Rules of Golf? Take a short quiz and see how well you do.**

1. Sand and loose soil are loose impediments on the putting green but not elsewhere.

- A. True
- B. False

2. A player has addressed the ball when he has taken his stance

- A. On the teeing ground.
- B. In the rough.
- C. In the fairway.
- D. In the bunker.

3. A player incurs the general penalty when he touches his line of putt in which one of the following?

- A. He taps down spike marks on the line of putt.
- B. He repairs a ball mark on the line of putt.
- C. He removes loose impediments on the line of putt with a towel
- D. He presses down a ball marker of fellow-competitor that is on his line of putt

4. A stake, wall or fence defining out of bounds is an obstruction.

- A. True
- B. False

5. In stroke play, a competitor concedes a short putt to a fellow-competitor and knocks the ball away. The fellow-competitor tees off on the next hole. What is the ruling?

- A. There is no penalty.
- B. The player incurs a two stroke penalty.
- C. The fellow-competitor is disqualified.

6. A ball is deemed to have moved if it leaves its position and comes to rest in any other place.

- A. True
- B. False

7. In stroke play, a player is in the process of taking relief from ground under repair through the green. Before he drops the ball, he moves sand and loose soil from the area in which he is to drop the ball. What is the ruling?

- A. There is no penalty
- B. There is a one stroke penalty
- C. There is a two stroke penalty

8. The teeing ground and the putting green of the hole being played are designated as through the green.

- A. True
- B. False

9. Which one of the following statements regarding out of bounds is CORRECT?

- A. A ball is in bounds if it is moved from out-of-bounds, to in-bounds by flow of water in a water hazard.
- B. The out of bounds line is determined by the outside points of the stakes or fence posts defining the boundary.
- C. A movable artificial object lying out of bounds may NOT be removed.
- D. The Committee does NOT have the authority, under the Rules of Golf to establish an internal boundary between two holes.

10. In stroke play, between the play of the 3rd and 4th holes, a player applies a strip of black tape to the top of his putter to prevent glare. Before he plays from the 4th tee, the player learns that he is in breach of the Rules. What is the ruling?

- A. The player incurs a two-stroke penalty at the 4th hole and must remove the tape.
- B. The player incurs a two-stroke penalty at the 4th hole and must declare the putter out of play.
- C. The player is disqualified.

### Answers

1. A 2. D 3. A 4. B 5. C 6. A 7. C 8. B 9. A 10. B

## Course Update

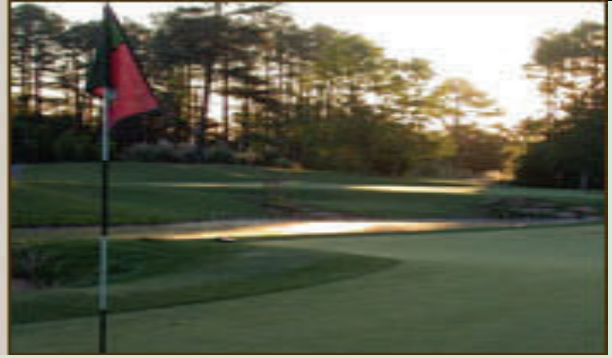
Greetings Wildwood Green Members

Over the last few months the maintenance team has been working on traps, leaves and improving greens. Sand has been added to several traps and we will begin rebuilding others this winter. Leaf season is almost over and I am sure everyone is glad. The plug work and sod that has been added to greens has done very well.

We are approaching the time of year when frost delays will begin. Frost is essentially frozen dew. Walking on a frosted green can leave unsightly damage to the plant and take weeks to recover. Although you won't see any immediate damage if you walk on frosted turf, the proof will emerge within 48 to 72 hours as the leaves die and turn brown. A short delay while the frost melts can preserve the quality of the greens, prevent needless repairs and may even save you a few strokes the next time you play. I would like to thank you for all the comments we receive and as always I can be reached via e-mail at [rick@wildwoodgreen.com](mailto:rick@wildwoodgreen.com). See you on the links.

Sincerely Rick Durham

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Golf Course Superintendent



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