



January 2010 Newsletter

**Wildwood Green Golf Club
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2009 was the first full season our new Golf Shop Staff directed golf operations at Wildwood Green Golf Club. Lead by our PGA Head Golf Professional & Director of Instruction, **John Budwine**, our Staff raised the level of customer service to the level our members and guest expect. Member Golf Tournaments, Member Socials, and Golf Instructional Programs were professionally managed in a way that enhanced the golfing experience for all while at Your Club. While Country Clubs and Golf Course throughout the country and in the Raleigh saw membership decline Wildwood Green Golf Club Membership grew by more than 100 New Members.

How was Wildwood Green Golf Club able to weather the challenging economic times everyone experienced in 2010 and grow stronger?

There are several reasons Wildwood Green Golf Club grew stronger, and one of the biggest reasons was **OUR MEMBERS!!** Starting with the Winter Member Meeting that took place early in 2009 with our owner, Roger Watson, **OUR MEMBERS** helped us grow stronger by recruiting and retaining more than **100 New Members**. With our Members support **John Budwine** was able to build the only Professional Golf Shop Staff with **Six PGA Golf Professionals** in the Carolinas to compliment the great **Golf Course Maintenance** directed by **Rick Durham**. Our Food and Beverage service was upgraded by **Robert Caldwell**, and more new innovative ideas will be implemented in 2010.

2009 was a far better year at **Wildwood Green Golf Club** than anyone could have expected after what our country experienced in the fall of 2008 and the beginning of 2009. It was a **Total Team** effort with **Our Members** and **Staff** working together making **Wildwood Green Golf Club** grow and advance.

2010 is here, and the **Staff** is busy planning to make this year even better. We again will call on **Our Members** to help us insure we continue to improve all areas of your club. We are asking every **Member** to continue to fill out **comments cards** telling us how we can improve, and share ideas on how we can make club activities more enjoyable for all.

Growth is always an important part of the success of every Golf Club. We have set lofty goals for our current **Membership Drive**, and by reaching and maintain those goals we will be **"Moving Toward Going More Private"** during the in-season weekends mornings. With **Our Members** help and support our club can **Soar with the Eagles!**

In conclusion, we want to thank all **Our Members** for their continued support. We think everyone can tell how much we enjoy serving **Our Wildwood Green Golf Club Members**.

Happy New Year,

Willis Denmark
General Manager
Wildwood Green Golf Club



Staff Spotlight

PGA Member/Golf Shop Manager Kevin Hamski



Kevin is originally from the small town of Jefferson, Ohio. He began his career in the golf industry working at Quail Hollow Country Club just outside Cleveland, Ohio. While working there, Kevin spent summers caddying at Nike Tour events, before moving to the Raleigh area in 2001 to attend college at Campbell University. Kevin graduated in 2005 with a Business Administration degree and became a PGA member in January of 2006.

Growing up Kevin played in many tournaments throughout the state of Ohio, and was the first player from his High School to qualify for the State Tournament. Kevin continued to play in Tournaments throughout college. While attending Campbell University, Kevin was chosen to represent the school at the Jones Cup started by Mississippi State. He was the only person to participate for all four years since the tournaments inception.

Kevin worked most recently at Lochmere Golf Club in Cary, NC where he served as the Head Golf Professional and Director of Instruction. While there, Kevin conducted junior, adult, and member clinics each week. He was also the Head Golf Instructor for the Special Olympics of Wake County. This past year was highlighted by a trip to the 2009 U.S. Women's Open where Kevin was the caddy for a member of Lochmere, Katherine Perry, who qualified to play in the event held at Saucon Valley Country Club in Bethlehem, PA.

Member News

- On December 28, 2009 Mr. Bob Hounsell shot a career low score of 68. Great Round!

John Budwine
Head Golf Professional



Roger,

I've been planning for sometime to send you a note on how GREAT things are at Wildwood Green. All the Staff are very professional and friendly. Willis is doing a very good job and John and the others in the pro shop and snack bar are doing a good job as well. Rick, Ron and the rest of the maintenance personnel are very hard workers, take pride in their work, and the results are outstanding. The greens are in excellent shape; the bunkers are kept raked. They are fighting to keep the leaves and pine straw off the course and are doing a good job staying ahead of the game. Ramone (sp) is keeping the grounds around the club house unbelievably great. I'm hearing very good comments from many people. I know in the majority of cases you probably hear negative remarks...but let me say that if this were my golf course, I would like to have the personnel you have to run it for me.

Roger, enclosed are a few photos I took early one morning a week or so ago. You can see the results of hard work, and I don't mean in my ability to take pictures!

"Panky" and I wish you and Sandy the best in the coming Holiday Season and that all of your golf courses are run and maintained as efficiently as Wildwood.

Best Regards,

Hilliard

Thanks for the kind words, Hilliard.

Take a look at the Member Section of the New Website!

www.wildwoodgreen.com has received a facelift

Members initially login to the Member Section as follows:

Username: *Your e-mail address*

Password: *wildwood*

Members can do the following in the Member Section of the Website:

- View & Register for Upcoming Events
- View Results of Tournaments
- Post scores for your Handicap, using the same Number as you do when entering scores at the golf course
- Post Messages to other Members on the Interactive Bulletin Board
- Search for a Game or Playing Partners
- Book your Tee Times
- View Events Calendar
- Make Purchases from our E-Store
- Purchase Gift Certificates

Wildwood Green GC Golf Academy

Presents this month's Focus on Fundamentals

By

Zack Goldberg



Practice Makes Perfect

Growing up, we all learn that the more we practice something, the better we get. This really holds true with the game of golf. The only problem I see with golfers today is their technique in practicing. It does not matter how many golf balls we can strike in an hour, or how many baskets of balls we carry to the range. What really matters is the quality of each practice session.

How often are we actually stepping up to strike the ball out on the course? If it was as fast as we hit balls on the range, there would never be a pace of play issue. On the practice range, take time between shots and focus on what you are trying to accomplish. Always have a target when hitting and a visualization of the shot you would like to hit.

So remember, we need to have goals in each of our practice sessions. Do not expect to become a better golfer by hitting 200 golf balls into the middle of the range. Make each session worth while.

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

Golf Shop News



January 2010 Hours of Operation
Weekend Shotgun start at 10:00 AM
Weekday First Tee Time will start at 9:00 AM

Wildoats start at 10:00 AM
Gaggle starts at 11:00 AM

Remember to check with the Golf Shop about potential Frost Delays

Member Dr. Tom Regan has a new book on the Market. It is titled *Life Lessons*. We have an excerpt of the book on our website. To view the excerpt go to http://www.golffusion.com/wildwoodgreen/club_info/club_documents/wildwoodgreen/LifeLessons.pdf

Snack Bar Information

"The beef stew hit the spot! It reminded me of my mother's stew." -Arnold Ewing

Check out the soup specials this winter!

Hangover Golf Pictures — From January 1st



Golf Rules Made Easy

Ball Played From Water Hazard and Hit Out of Bounds or Lost

SITUATION: A player plays his ball from a decent lie within a water hazard and hits it too hard. It went out of bounds, What does he do now?

SOLUTION: The player has several options all with a one stroke penalty.

(i) Drop a ball in the hazard as near as possible to the spot where the original ball was played.

(ii) With an additional penalty stroke (a total of two) drop another ball as near as possible to the last spot played outside the hazard.

(iii) with an additional stroke penalty (a total of two) find the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard and drop behind on a line created by the hole and that point outside the hazard.

(iv) for a lateral water hazard with an additional stroke penalty (total of two strokes) drop within two club lengths outside the hazard where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard or on the opposite margin equidistant from the hole.

Provisional Ball-When Permitted to Play

SITUATION: A player thought he hit his drive out of bounds and properly played a provisional ball. He hit his provisional ball right down the middle of the fairway. Does he have to search for his original ball?

SOLUTION: The answer is no, but if the original ball is found the player must play it and abandon his provisional ball. In other words, as long as the original ball has not been found, the player can make sure his provisional ball becomes the ball in play by playing it from a position nearer the hole than where the original ball is likely to be.

WHY WOULD A PLAYER WANT HIS PROVISIONAL BALL TO BE THE BALL IN PLAY IF HE CAN FIND HIS ORIGINAL BALL?

If a player is playing a par 3 and thinks he might have hit his drive in a wooded area, and hits his provisional ball within inches of the hole. With a one-stroke penalty the play would score a 4 on the hole by playing his provisional ball. If the player is able to find his original ball in the wooded area, who knows how many strokes it will take, but probably no less than 4.

NOTE--a provisional ball may not be played if a player loses his ball in a water hazard.

Course Update

Greetings Wildwood Green Members

The wet conditions that we are experiencing, has caused many problems this winter. For one, we have been cart path only more often than I can remember.

Please keep in mind that if there is any damage from cart traffic dormant Bermuda will not heal until late spring or early summer. We will try to go 90 degrees as much as possible, but we also need to protect the turf quality for the future.

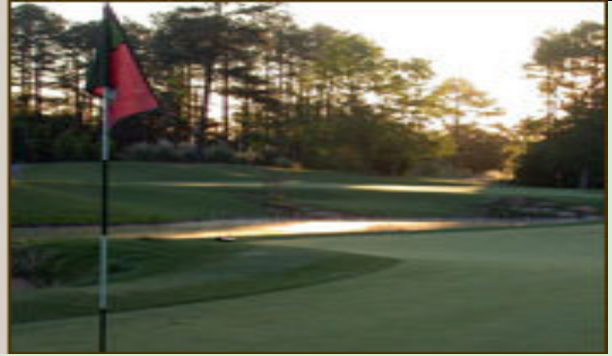
Our sand trap project has also been slowed by the weather. Currently there are three traps under renovation and we hope to add three more to this list.

I would like to thank everyone for all the comments we receive and as always I can be reached via e-mail at rick@wildwoodgreen.com. See you on the links.

Sincerely,

Rick Durham

Grounds Superintendent



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