



JULY 2010  
**Newsletter**

**Wildwood Green Golf Club  
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## Pace of Play

Over the past year the Golf Staff has observed and studied the pace of play at Wildwood Green Golf Club. Head Golf Professional, John Budwine, has hired new starters and rangers with the goal to “stamp out slow play”. We need your help as we implement our starter/ranger program to improve the pace of play at Wildwood Green.

Playing at a good pace is actually very simple. Always be ready when it is your turn to play a shot. While the first person in your group is getting ready to swing, be ready with your club when it is your turn. **Don't be sitting in the cart! Be ready to play!** While the person furthest away is ready to play their shot, check your yardage and select a few clubs to carry to your ball. After your partner has hit their shot, you will have already approached your ball and will be ready to hit your shot. You will be very surprised how much quicker you'll play by being ready when it is your turn to play and only sitting in the golf cart when it is moving down the fairway. Please encourage your playing partners to be ready when it is their turn.

Please share your thoughts & ideas with us on comment cards as we work to improve pace of play.

**Willis Denmark**  
General Manager



## Coming this month



ARE YOU A RABBIT OR A SNAIL?

(3 some or 4 some's only)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Starter Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Tee off Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Turn off #9: \_\_\_\_\_

Time off #10: \_\_\_\_\_

Finish Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this card to the golf shop upon completion of play. If your group plays in 4 hours and 15 minutes or less, each person will receive an ice cold fountain beverage from our snack bar.

## “Romulo’s Gardens”

These clubhouse grounds and course landscaping are artfully maintained by Romulo Orellana. We appreciate his care and dedication.

The members and staff of Wildwood Green.



## Snack Bar Update

As your new Food and Beverage Manager, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your wonderful comments, suggestions and praise! You have all given me such a nice welcome. I would also like to introduce our new staff members. Hannah Kellam is a junior at NC State, Conley Kenney is a senior at NC State, Jackie will be a freshman at Wake Tech, and Nicole Brutofski is a senior at Broughton High. Please introduce yourselves, and be patient as we all learn your names! Our other staff members you may already know are the morning crew of Joann and Larry, and my daughter Marlie who helps out in the afternoons and will be a senior at Leesville High. I'm still getting my feet wet at WWG, but can proudly say that we have some wonderful things coming your way, so stay tuned!

**Leslie Roth**  
Food & Beverage Manager

## Member News

**Sam Gale** shot his first ever 39 on June 4, 2010! He played the back nine and his witnesses were **Evan Walsh** and **Jake Hutchinson**.

**Paul Pratto** shot a personal best of 69 on 6-13-10. Way to go Mr. 69.

June 7, 2010 @ Duke U. Golf Course  
Carolinas Golf Association 1-Day Senior Event  
1st Place - **Dr. Ralph James** with 75

### June 2010 Hole-in-One Club

**Jeff Cash** (non-member) Aced the 12th, 181yards with an 8 iron on June 10th. His witnesses were **Chris Latta** (Member) and **Willis Denmark** (our very own GM :))

### Member Testimonials

"The greens are the best I've ever seen in the time I've been a member here" -**Tom Troxclair** 5/31/10

Good Afternoon

Just wanted to let you guys know that I could tell a big change in the staff, the course and everything in general.

I golfed twice over Memorial day weekend and both days the play was right on pace, and the staff was very friendly, and the course was in the best shape I have ever seen.

These are just a few things that I noticed over the last few weeks that are great changes.

Staff very attentive and friendly. (I have never had any problem with this)

Matching shirts very professional

Club house looks cleaner and more organized.

Better customer service at snack bar.

Better customer service at check in desk.

Course in excellent condition.

More attention to the actual course (rough fairway definition, sand bunkers upgraded etc.)

Oh yea the fact that there is a female on the staff is nice.

As a paying member nothing makes me more happy than to tell that some of the money I am paying each month is being put back into the course.

I was most impressed when we played on Memorial Day and we had 20 golfers and when we finished the lady at the snack bar rolled out a cooler full of beer. Now that is service. She asked us if we wanted some fry etc while we where waiting and she brought everything out to the table. again nice service I also noticed that the beverage cart was out and running all weekend.

Again just wanted to say as a member I like all of the changes !!!

I was not going to do the Member Guest because I thought it was a little expense for what we got last year, but with all of the changes I am looking forward and proud to bring a friend from out of town to come play at the course.

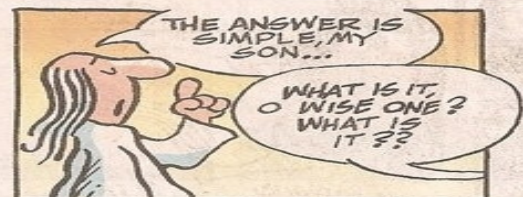
Good Job

Thanks,  
**Scott G. Newman**

## July 2010 - Comic Relief

### Traffic Camera

I was driving when I saw the flash of a traffic camera. I figured that my picture had been taken for exceeding the limit even though I knew that I was not speeding. Just to be sure, I went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly, but again the camera flashed. Now I began to think that this was quite funny, so I drove even slower as I passed the area once more, but the traffic camera again flashed. I tried a fourth and fifth time with the same results and was now laughing as the camera flashed while I rolled past at a snail's pace. Two weeks later, I got five tickets in the mail for driving without a seat belt. You can't fix stupid!



## Golf Shop News

### July 2010 Hours of Operation

Weekday first Tee Time 7:00 AM  
Weekend first Tee Time 6:30 AM

**Wildflowers start at 8:00 AM**  
**Wildoats start at 8:30 AM**  
**Gaggle starts at 10:00 AM**

On **July 10th** we will be hosting our 2nd Men's and Ladies Package Event. This is number 2 of 5. It will be a 9 AM Modified Shotgun Start and the format will be a Best Ball format using the best ball from the A and D players, plus the best ball from the B and C players in each group.

On **July 18th** the Couples Event will return. It will be a 9 Hole Captain's Choice format starting at 5PM with dinner following the round. Grab your significant other and come out and enjoy a fun-filled evening at Wildwood Green!

The 3rd Package Event will take place on the **July 31st**, and will be one best ball on the par 3's, two best balls on the par 4's, and three best balls on the par 5's, which is always a fun event for all players!

**This month in the "Penny Games", Doug Wipperman won a set of Callway X-22 Irons that retail for \$699.00.**

**Congratulations Doug!!**



## Wildwood Green GC Golf Academy

**Presents this month's Focus on Fundamentals**

By  
**Erica Gonzalez**



**"The Bump and Run"**

I have seen many golfers that miss the green by just a few feet automatically grab a wedge. Players have the misconception that you should only use a wedge around the green. This is false. This is because they overlook one of the most important and easiest shots in golf, the bump and run.

The "bump and run" is a specialized golf shot, developed to get the ball off the fringe of the green and run it to the hole. It gives the player more control than lofting the ball with a wedge and trying to get it to stop close to the flag. Use a 7, 8 or 9 iron for this shot. The fact of the matter is, the quicker we can get the ball on the ground and rolling the better. Here's how to hit the bump and run.

1. Use the bump and run when you are on the fringe and you have a lot of green to work with. The further away the pin is the longer the club you would use.
2. When addressing the ball you are going to narrow your stance about 6 inches apart with about a 45 degree angle to your target. (Open stance) Make sure the ball is being played in the front of your stance just off your left toe.
3. Forward press your club so that your left wrist is straight and have 60% of your weight on your left foot.
4. Think of the stroke as if it was a putt. Do not break your wrists or shift your weight. Keep your arms straight and simply rock your shoulders back and forth like you would a putt.
5. Allow the ball to bump over the fringe and run the rest of the way towards the hole.

This should take a few strokes off your game! Keep it simple and get that ball rolling

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

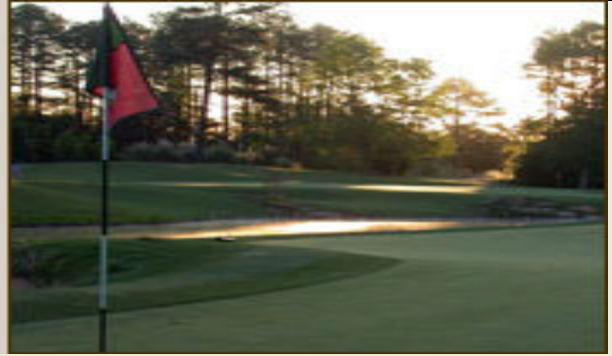
## Course Update

Greetings Wildwood Green Golf Club members. As you are aware, the start of the summer season has been hot and dry with little rain to aid the course. As a direct result the putting greens have struggled. As you have noticed, the maintenance team has been active in hand watering the putting surfaces. This process can cool the temperature on the canopy up to 10 degrees providing relief from the high temperatures. On a positive note, # 2 fairway and #12 collar have been sodded and are responding well. Future sodding plans include #18 and # 11 collar and tees to be determined. I would like to thank everyone for comments and suggestions that I have received 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**  
Golf Course Superintendent



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# Wildflowers

## JULY SCHEDULE TUESDAY - 8AM

**JULY 6**  
LOW NET  
CHOOSE ODD OR EVEN HOLES

**JULY 13**  
MOST POINTS  
NET eagle =3, birdie =2, par =1

**JULY 20**  
LOW NET  
THROW OUT WORST 4 HOLES

**JULY 27**  
REVERSE LADY CHAPMAN  
Par 3s = 3 best net, Par 4s = 2 best net  
Par 5s = 1 best net

### 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

### ALLIGATOR?!



Spotted Tuesday, June 22 in the pond next to #5!! The Wildwood Monster! Actually a log with sun-bathing turtles!

### The Golf Gods Give Present to Marti Ranney on Her Birthday, June 22!

It's been two long years, and on June 22, 2010 Marti hit her tee shot on #6 and made it over the water!! She went on to shoot her best round in as many years that day. Congratulations Marti!

#### Winners: Low Putts Tournament June 22

Diana Turner with 34 putts, Carol Smith and Denise Kane tied for second with 35 putts.

## JULY 2010 The Wildflowers' Kay Meade Tournament A Great Success!! (June 15)

Many thanks to Denise Kane for organizing a fun tournament. Each hole had a special format to remember Kay and some her golf idiosyncrasies (fondly).

Gillian Raymond won a sleeve of Titleist Pro V golf balls (Kay's favorite) for hitting her drive closest to "Kay's Corner". Some holes we putted with one hand, on #17 we could use a "hand wedge" to get out of the right trap, on #6 we didn't hit over the water but just started at the drop zone. But to balance the advantages we also had to hit from the yellow tees on two holes. Fun, Fun!! The winners were: Tied for 1st place: Diana Turner, Yueh-Ju Wei; 3rd place: Gillian Raymond; 4th place: Sara Ramsey, 5th place: Diane Rupert. Chris Butler and Yueh-Ju both chipped in!



Diane Rupert hitting from Kay's favorite spot on #12.



Top row L-R: Gillian Raymond, Jeanette Benjey, Yueh-Ju Wei, Carol Smith, Marti Ranney, Kim Waterhouse, Denise Kane, Sara Ramsey. Sitting L-R: Diana Turner, Chris Butler, Joyce Wall, Claire Voeth. Not pictured: Diane Rupert.



Have a great  
Independence Day  
July 4, 2010!

The Wildflowers will be having a "flag" tournament to celebrate Independence Day on Tuesday, June 29!