



JUNE 2010
Newsletter

**Wildwood Green Golf Club
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Wildflowers

JUNE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY - 8AM

JUNE 1

TEAM 1 GROSS + 1 NET

JUNE 8

LOW PUTTS

JUNE 15

KAY MEADE TOURNAMENT

Low net – Special Event Holes

JUNE 22

MOST POINTS

Net eagle =3, birdie =2, par =1

JUNE 29

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: \$30. pay at club desk.

PLUS: \$5.00 for ringer tournament and/or

\$5.00 for hole-in-one tournament

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May: Come Rain or Shine

May has proved definitely to be spring this year! The first two weeks were sunny days. The second two we had to fight the rain showers.

Our meeting May 4th was productive. We set the date for our Invitational for Tuesday, Oct. 19. We made the decision that guests (members and non-members of Wildwood) would be allowed to play with the Wildflowers on tournament Tuesday twice a season. Carol Smith helped us with rules on where to place the ball if it ends up on the cart path. We also discussed "winter rules" and decided that in the fairway, even during summer months, we are allowed to move the ball with our clubhead approximately 6" to improve the lie due to the general condition of the fairways.

The winners of our first tournament May 4th – low net for only par 4 holes were: 1st: Kim Waterhouse, 2nd: Diana Turner, and 3rd: Sara Ramsey.

The Three Jacks and A Jill Tournament played May 11 was a huge success! We actually had some teams with two jills! 32 players participated for 8 foursomes. The winners are listed below with the pictures.

May 18 was essentially rained out. May 25 was a bit confusing on the time, the club seemed to think we were playing at 9 am. So we did not have a tournament. Diane Rupert, Jeanette Benjey, Joyce Wall, Sara Ramsey, Tez Charlton, Yueh Ju, Wei and Marti Raney dodged the showers. We didn't have a tournament.

3 Jacks & a Jill – May 11

Winners:

1st Place: Team score of a Net 64

Jacks: Alton Lowe, Tom Lynch, Ron Oates

Jill: Carol Smith

2nd Place: Team score of a Net 66

Jacks: Rich Whyte, Ed Stein

Jills: Kim Waterhouse, Gillian Raymond

3rd Place: 3 teams tied with a team score of a Net 67

• Jacks: Robert Hounsell, George Holcomb

Jills: Jeanette Benjey, Sara Ramsey

• Jacks: Patrick Fitzgerald, Ed Dougherty, Frank Rice

Jill: Fran Betancourt

• Jacks: John Bitzenhofer, Bob Tunstall, Will Raymond

Jill: Joyce Wall



Part of the group enjoying a great lunch after the tournament. Some of the Wildflowers brought dessert – brownies, banana bread, etc. Caught a few of the WildOats eating dessert first. Even our head pro, John showed off his additional talent of flipping hamburgers! Must have learned that at "Quisine School".



A Golf Poem for your entertainment:

In My Hand I Hold A Ball,
 White And Dimpled, And Rather Small.
 Oh How Bland It Does Appear,
 This Harmless Looking Little Sphere.
 By Its Size I Could Not Guess,
 Of The Awesome Strength It Does Possess.
 But Since I Fell Beneath Its Spell,
 I've Wandered Through The Fires Of Hell.
 My Life Has Not Been Quite The Same,
 Since I Chose To Play This Stupid Game.
 It Rules My Mind For Hours On End,
 A Fortune It Has Made Me Spend.
 It Has Made Me Curse And Made Me Cry,
 And Hate Myself And Want To Die.
 It Promises Me A Thing Called Par,
 If I Hit It Straight And Far.
 To Master Such A Tiny Ball,
 Should Not Be Very Hard At All.
 But My Desires The Ball Refuses,
 And Does Exactly As It Chooses.
 It Hooks And Slices, Dribbles And Dies,
 And Disappears Before My Eyes.
 Often It Will Have A Whim,
 To Hit A Tree Or Take A Swim.
 With Miles Of Grass On Which To Land,
 It Finds A Tiny Patch Of Sand.
 Then Has Me Offering Up My Soul,
 If Only It Would Find The Hole.
 It's Made Me Whimper Like A Pup,
 And Swear That I Will Give It Up.
 And Take To Drink To Ease My Sorrow,
 But The Ball Knows ... I'll Be Back Tomorrow.

Tick Removal

Spring is here and the ticks will soon be showing their heads. Here is a good way to get them off you, your children, or your pets. Give it a try.

A School Nurse has written the info below -- good enough to share -- This really works!!

I had a pediatrician tell me what she believes is the best way to remove a tick. This is great, because it works in those places where it's some times difficult to get to with tweezers: between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc. Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for a few seconds (15-20), the tick will come out on its own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away.

This technique has worked every time I've used it (and that was frequently), and it's much less traumatic for the patient and easier for me. Unless someone is allergic to soap, I can't see that this would be damaging in any way. I even had my doctor's wife call me for advice because she had one stuck to her back and she couldn't reach it with tweezers. She used this method and immediately called me back to say, "It worked!"

Staff Spotlight

Food & Beverage Manager Leslie Roth

Leslie Roth is our new Food & Beverage Manager. She is a native of Denver, Colorado and moved to Raleigh in July of 2008. She loves the people and the climate of this state! Leslie has been in the food & beverage business for over 16 years and still says she loves it. She has worked in bars, restaurants and hotels, so she has had a taste of all walks of life. She truly enjoys people and trying out new ideas to help a concept grow. She is married and has four daughters. One of her daughters, Marlee, works in our snack bar. She and her husband love to golf, so I'm sure you'll see them out on the links! Please introduce yourself to her and share any concerns or ideas you may have. Leslie says, she looks forward to pleasing our Members.

Teaching Professional Erica Gonzalez

Erica just recently moved here from Tallahassee, Florida. She competed at the Division 1 Level at Florida State University where she received a scholarship to play on the women's golf team. During her competitive career she won the Junior World Optimist, Doral Publix, and the Florida Women's Championship. She was named South Florida's player of the year her Freshman year of high school where she shot a 69, 74 at the state championship and also was named Player of the Year her Senior Year. After graduating from Florida State in 2009, she took a year away from golf and worked in Tallahassee for a Lobbying Firm. But, her true passion is out on the golf course and she is ready use her knowledge of the game to help her students. While playing, Erica's strength is her short game and she is very creative and has a great imagination around the greens. Erica worked in South Florida with the PGA Tour Academy and has a great knowledge of the golf swing.

Erica's teaching philosophy is a very simple one. She played 17 years of golf and is a feel player. This means she believes that there is not one swing for everyone. Each person requires a different technique and different swing. She is very excited to work with new students and loves to see them accomplish their goals. She is open to going out on the golf course with her students and seeing where she feels she can help their game.

Feel free to contact her at any time... 954-937-0315

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Member News

Grayson Murray, Member at Wildwood Green, participated in his first professional event by qualifying for the PGA Tour's Nationwide Event, The Rex Hospital Open, held at the TPC Wakefield Plantation in Raleigh May 20 - 23, 2010.

Grayson's first round was one of those rounds that we all would love to have, but for Grayson, it was less than he expected. With a first round of 2 over par 73, Grayson found himself well off of the cut line. Friday was moving day for Grayson, as he blistered the TPC Wakefield course with a sizzling 5 under par 66 to make the cut in his first professional event. On day 3, Grayson posted a 1 over par 72 to put himself into a tie for 52nd place. Grayson was anxious for Sunday's final round, but Mother Nature had other ideas, and rain washed out the last day of the tournament.

What a great experience for a young man just 16 years old. Keep an eye on Grayson as you will be hearing his name quite often in the future!

Congratulations Grayson!!

Wildwood Green Golf Club just keeps cranking out excellent golf performances. In the Durham Senior Amateur held on May 24-25, **Cliff Seastrunk** shot rounds of 73-75 for a 148 total to finish in a tie for 11th place.

In the Super Senior Division, our own **Bob Rudolph** finished 2nd with rounds of 71-75. **Dr. Ralph James**, also playing in the Super Senior Division shot his age in both rounds with a 75-75 to finish in a tie for 3rd.

If you want to compete with these guys, you better bring your "A" game as they take no prisoners!!

Wildwood Green Golf Club also had a 3rd place finish in the recent Lonnie Poole Pro-Am held at the Lonnie Poole Golf Course at NC State on Monday the 24th. PGA Professional, **Kevin Hamski** made 7 birdies, yes 7, to complete a round of even par 72.

Next time you see these guys, give them a pat on the back for representing our club with some excellent golf!

May 2010 Hole-in-One Club

- On May 11, 2010, **Hank Zurawell** aced the 6th hole using a Hybrid R7 Taylor Made Rescue club.
- **Diane Rupert** aced the 6th hole on May 13, 2010 using a 9-iron. Playing with Diane was Glen and Greyson Rupert.
- **Kyle Tucker** made his career shot on May 14, 2010 on hole number 12. He used a 7 iron and was playing with Preston Ball and James Nye.
- During the 2nd round of the Spring Member-Member on Sunday May 16, 2010, **Randy Frazer** aced the 4th hole with a 7 iron. His partner was David Murray.
- **Chuck Beard** made a hole-in-one on the 17th hole using a 7-Iron. Playing with Mr. Beard was J.V. Phillips and Gene Adesso.

Congratulations on your great shots!

June 2010 - Comic Relief



Golf Shop News

June 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

June 23, 2010 from 4 - 7 PM - The **Ping Fitting System** will be at **Wildwood Green Golf Club**. Look for more details in the Golf Shop throughout the Month.



Wildwood Green's Annual Member/Guest, **The Battle at Ballybunion**, will be held **June 25th, 26th and 27th**. Friday June 25th will be for practice rounds which will lead into the weekend of competition. Friday will feature a pairings party starting at 6 PM for the competitors to see who is playing together and for the competitors to receive their Tee Gift. Come out and enjoy all of the fun of the Major Golf Tournament of the 2010 season!

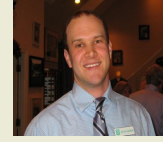
The Battle at Ballybunion is \$275 per two-man team and includes 3 days of golf, tee prizes, awards, and food Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Drop by the golf shop to pick up an application, or visit our website to download and print the application online.

Ballybunion ([Irish: Baile an Bhuinneánaigh](#)) is a [coastal town](#) in [County Kerry, Ireland](#), 15 km (9 miles) from the town of [Listowel](#). There are [castle ruins](#) near the town, although all that remains is a single wall, and two [golf courses](#), including the famous [Ballybunion Golf Club](#). The Club is a top class [Links](#) course founded in 1893 and the host to the Murphy's Irish Open in 2000 and the Palmer Cup in 2004.

Remember, if you participated in the first Battle at Ballybunion in 2009, you are guaranteed a spot in this year's competition!

Wildwood Green GC Golf Academy Presents this month's Focus on Fundamentals

By
Kevin Hamski



Whip the Wind

With the storms popping up and coming off the coast this time of the year wind will be more of an issue as the season goes on. I have always enjoyed playing in the wind and have found some good advice along the way competing in windy conditions. One of the reasons I have always enjoyed playing in the wind is you are able to use the wind to shape different shots. When playing with a cross wind it is always best to use the wind to your advantage and have the wind shape a shot toward your intended target, rather than play a shot against the wind. Find a point where you want to start the ball and aim at that point, letting the wind do the rest of the work. This is similar to a putt that break down a slope. By aiming at a certain point on the green and letting the slope do the work you are more likely to make a good putt toward your target. Be sure to use this philosophy in the wind.

When hitting a shot into the wind the main swing thought you want to have is to swing smoothly. By taking a longer club for shots into a headwind and swinging smoothly you will decrease the amount of spin on the ball, giving you a lower trajectory and your shot will balloon less. This compensation will produce more consistent distance results and more greens in regulation. You can also expect the ball to stop quicker due to the increased spin the ball will have going into the wind.

With a tailwind you have a little more margin for error. Since the tailwind will impart less spin on the ball poorly struck shots will tend to stay on target more often. This is the time you see a lot of tour players hit the very high tee shots and let the wind carry the ball for added distance. It is also the time you see many players hit the three wood off the tee because with the added height the shot will travel nearly the same distance as a driver, but with improved accuracy. Be sure to allow for the added release on your shot once it lands.

Often players are faced with swirling wind conditions. One of the best tips I've received was when caddying on the Nationwide Tour. The player I caddied for throughout the summer used to find a course map and draw an arrow where the wind was blowing that day, so whenever the ball got above the tree line we knew where the wind was blowing. Augusta National comes to mind at Amen Corner where the flags at 11 and 12 are blowing in opposite directions and the wind at 12 tee is also blowing in a third different direction. If you know what the wind is doing above the tree line, you will be able to better judge your shots around the course.

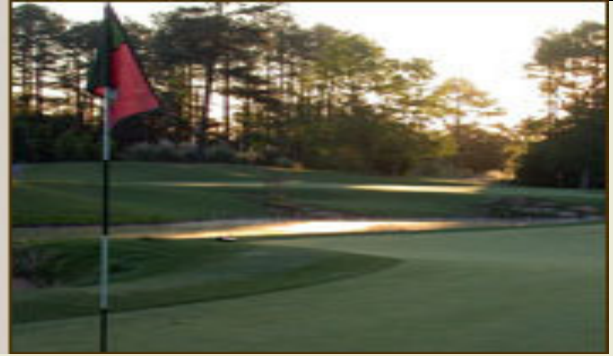
For more golf advice and individual attention, schedule a lesson with a WWG Golf Academy Certified Instructor.

Course Update

Greetings Wildwood Green Golf Club members. As many of you members have mentioned, the putting greens have improved over the past months. I am confident that over the months to come the putting greens will continue to improve. The maintenance team will be de-thatching greens June 2nd and 3rd. This process will allow water and air to penetrate into the soil profile. This cultural practice will also help the ball roll and will improve the overall speed of the putting surface. In addition, topdressing applications are also critical with smoothness and speed. There will be several light topdressing applications made throughout the summer. With the recent warm weather, rain and fertilizer the bermuda grass has finally woke up. You will begin to notice the maintenance team more actively maintaining the course and clubhouse grounds. Which leads me to my next announcement. We have received new John Deere equipment , which will be on display in the near future. Thank you for all your comments and as always I can be reached via e-mail at rick@wildwoodgreen.com. Hope to see you all on the links.

Sincerely,

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