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Newsletter

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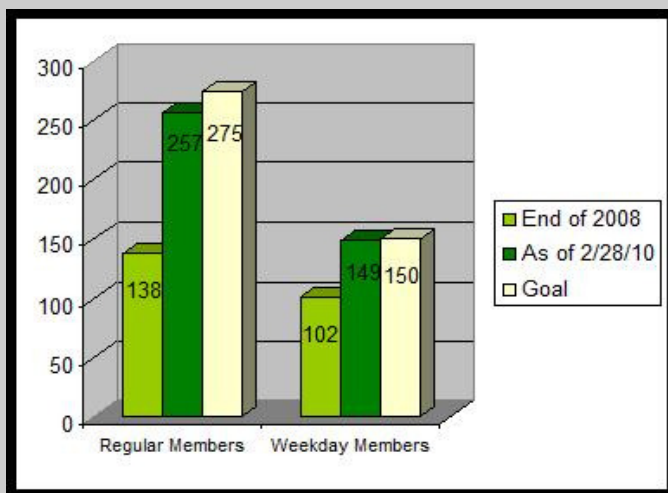


Yes Spring is really coming, and we all hope it gets here early this year. PGA Head Golf Professional & Director of Instruction, John Budwine, and our Staff are ready to launch the biggest and best golf season as we begin celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Wildwood Green Golf Club this year.

Our Member golf season starts with two FREE Golf Clinics Tuesday, March 16th (6PM-7PM) and Saturday, March 20th (3PM-4PM). The Member tournament season begins Friday, March 19th with a Pre-Tournament Party from 6:00PM to 8:00PM followed by the Spring Kickoff Captains Choice tournament Saturday, March 20th with a 9:00AM Shotgun Start.

Members can register for all Free Golf Clinics and Tournament Activities on our website. Please feel free to call the Golf Shop if you have any questions.

“Working Toward Becoming More Private”



First Level of Private Club Status will be obtained with 275 Regular Memberships & 150 Weekday Membership.

Despite challenging winter weather the Membership at Wildwood Green Golf Club has stepped up their membership recruiting efforts in a big way again during our Winter Membership Drive as we are “Working Toward Becoming More Private”.

Since we are so close to our goals of moving toward the “First Level of Private Club Status” we have decided to extend our Membership Drive through the month of March!

All the vast improvements made during 2009 are the result of the overwhelming support of our Membership, and the Staff wants to thank you again. Help us continue to grow your club by making us better.

We want to Thank You: Starting in April we will have a Drawing for over \$2,000 in prizes for members who fill out comment cards, read the club Newsletter online, and recruit a new member. Our new website helps us keep everyone more informed, and we can track readership. Each member’s name will be placed in the drawing once a month after reading the newsletter, once for every comment card filled out with their name, and 10 times for each new member sponsored that joins the club.

As I stated in an earlier Newsletter all you have to do is contact me with a potential New Member’s contact information, and I’ll do the rest with you receiving up to \$720 in dues credits over the next 24 months, EASY MONEY!

Again, we want to thank all of our Members for their help & support during one of the most difficult periods in the history of our country. If there was an award in the USA for the Golf Club that exemplifies the spirit of the America way the Membership at Wildwood Green Golf Club would be a unanimous choice!

Good Bless America,



Willis Denmark
General Manager
Wildwood Green Golf Club

Member News

What have our Members been saying about Wildwood Green Golf Club?

Dear Willis & WWG staff and personnel:

You have made a tremendous difference over this last year, breathing fresh air into an operation that had exhausted itself by doing very little. Every member is indebted to everyone of you for taking the helm and moving WWG forward, making it a much more enjoyable/sociable place to play golf. Thanks!

All good wishes - Tom Regan

John,

I just completed my first lesson with Jeff, the lesson was very good, Jeff paid very close attention to my swing and gave great advice for me to improve my game and took the time to explain the changes to me.

Thanks

Joe Kolb

Willis,

Thank you for the Annual Report and sharing in detail the improvements and aspirations for Wildwood Green Golf Club as we go into 2010. I am very pleased to be a member of this club and want to thank you personally for your leadership and communication as well as the great attention I receive from all of Staff at Wildwood. I look forward to the warmer weather and golf ahead in 2010.

All the Best,

Leslie Boyd

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

By
Kevin Hamski



Consistent Chipping

With the golfing season finally here and the recent snow prohibiting practice most golfers are going to want to get back to being consistent on the golf course and shake off the rust. One way to avoid those big numbers on the course is to tune up your short game first and being able to save yourself from trouble more consistently. Even the touring professionals go back to the basics after a layoff and inspect their fundamentals. The first and foremost fundamental to check with chipping will be the ball position. Nearly all golfers set up open to a chip shot with their body aiming to the left of the target (for right handed golfers). With an open stance it is very important to make sure that the ball is not forward of the true center of your stance, which is directly between your ankles. Often with an open stance the ball position tends to move up in the stance without many golfers realizing it, causing lateral movement in the chipping motion and inconsistency. Having the ball positioned properly is a key element to consistent chipping results.

Another part of the chipping motion to watch for is the path of the club. Since chipping is a motion similar to putting, with the differences being mainly in setup, you will want to make sure your path is fairly straight back and through toward the target. If you swing back inside your target line as many golfers do you will have trouble being consistent around the green. Most golfers who hit chip shots fat or thin do so because the club travels too far inside the target line back and through. This shallow path causes the club to either bottom out before the ball or you sense this and pull up through impact, skulling the ball clear across the green.

These two fundamentals along with the more obvious ones of weight position and minimal wrist action will help you get up and down more often and save shots when missing the greens early in the season.

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

Golf Shop News

March 2010 Hours of Operation

March 1st - 12th

Weekday: Opens - 8:30 AM, First Tee Time - 9:00 AM

Weekend: Opens - 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM Shotgun Start; please arrive 30 Minutes beforehand to check-in.

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

March 13th - 31st Daylight Savings March 14th

Weekday: Opens - 7:30 AM, First Tee Time - 8:00 AM

Weekend: Opens - 7:00 AM, First Tee Time - 7:30 AM

Wildoats/Wildflowers start at 9:00 AM
Gaggle starts at 11:00 AM

Come out on Saturday **March 13th** and meet the Wildwood Green Teaching Professionals! They will be around from 2-4 PM to answer your questions and get you in gear for the 2010 golfing season!

Tuesday **March 16th** from 6-7 PM get ready for the golfing season with a Free Tune up Your Game Clinic. If you can't make it on Tuesday, **DON'T WORRY!** Come out Saturday **March 20th** from 3-4 PM and get ready for the season with a second, Free Tune up Your Game Clinic.

To kick-off the 2010 Tournament Season Wildwood Green will be hosting the Spring Kick-off Pairings Party on Friday, **March 19th** from 6-8 PM. Come on out, meet some of the new and old members, and see who you will be playing with in the Spring Kick off Event on the 20th!

The first event of the 2010 Tournament Season is set for Saturday **March 20th**. It will be a 9 AM Shotgun start, Captain's Choice format, and will be open to all members from seniors to juniors and every age in between! Stick around for the Free Tune up Clinic from 3-4 PM and hone your skills for 2010!

Wildwood Green introduces online registration this year and you can sign up for a discounted price if you sign up online! Package prices do not include the cart fee.

The first of 25 instructional clinics will start with a Driver Clinic on Tuesday **March 30th** from 6-7 PM.

Visit the golf shop, or WildwoodGreen.com to get a copy of the clinic schedule today!
Discounted pricing is available if you sign up for 5, 10, or 15 of the 25 clinics!

Golf Rules

Rule 1-1

"Gimmies"

Q. What is the Rule for allowing "gimmies"?

A. The Rules of Golf do not permit the use of "gimmies." Rule 1-1 states the Game of Golf consists in playing a ball from the teeing ground into the hole by a stroke or successive strokes in accordance with the Rules. Additionally, in stroke play, if a player fails to hole out and does not correct the error prior to playing a stroke from the next teeing ground, he shall be disqualified - see Rule 3-2. In match play, if the putt has not been conceded, (Rule 2-4) the player shall lose the hole.

Rule 5

What if I run out of Golf Balls?

Q. If a player runs out of golf balls during a round, may he borrow a ball from another player?

A. Yes. There is nothing in the Rules of Golf that prohibits a player from borrowing a golf ball from an opponent or fellow-competitor. A player who runs out of balls may get a new supply from any source, provided he does not unduly delay play (Rule 6-7) in the process. Although golf balls are part of a player's equipment, the only type of equipment that the Rules limit the borrowing of is clubs Rule 4-4(Decision 5-1/5)

Rule 8-1

Asking Distance Between Objects

Q. A player asks his opponent or fellow-competitor the distance from one object (e.g. his ball or the teeing ground) to another object (e.g. the putting green, a water hazard, or a bunker). Is he considered to be asking for advice and in breach of Rule 8-1?

A. The distance between any objects is considered to be a matter of public information and therefore not advice. As this information is not advice, it may be exchanged without restriction. (Definition of "Advice" and Decision 8-1/2)

Course Update

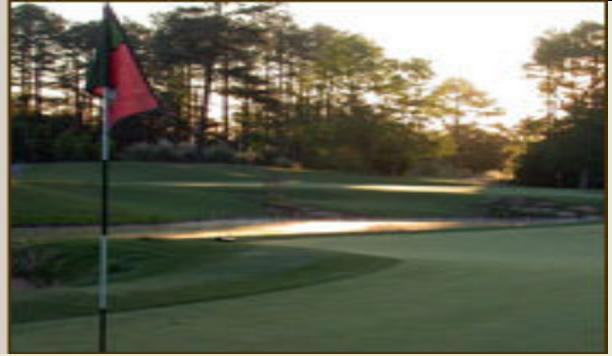
Greetings Wildwood Green Members

Greens aerification was completed the week of February 22nd. The weather played a large part this year and we finished a few days later than we had planned. As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, aerification is very important for our greens survival. It can reduce compaction and improve water and air movement into the soil profile. We contracted this year's aerification process out so we could achieve deeper penetration for a healthier root zone. I am delighted to say that this aerification is one of the more successful one's that I have been a part of. Our recovery time may be a little longer than normal due to the weather that we have been experiencing this year. Spring is right around the corner and we will be wrapping up our bunker project this month. I would like to thank everyone for their patience, as again the weather has set us back on the bunker project.

We are off to a great start and I am looking forward to seeing you all on the links. Thank you for your comments and as always I can be reached via e-mail at rick@wildwoodgreen.com.

Sincerely,

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