



MARCH 2011 NEWSLETTER



WILDWOOD GREEN GC

Golf Shop Hours

March 2011 all new times start on March 12th. Prior to the 12th we are on our Winter Time Schedule

Weekdays first Tee
Time 8:00AM

Weekends first Tee
Time 7:30 AM

Wildflowers start at
9:00 AM

Wildoats start at
9:00 AM

Gaggle starts at
10:00 AM

LETTER FROM GENERAL MANAGER

Membership Drive

The Membership Drive is underway as we "WORK TOWARD GOING MORE PRIVATE". Through February we have a net gain of 11 Regular and 8 Weekday members. So please spread the word to friends and former members we're "WORKING TOWARD GOING MORE PRIVATE". Make sure golfers you sponsor have the "Complimentary Initiation Fee" certificate filled out

correctly with you as their sponsor. Members sponsoring a new Regular member receive up to a \$30 per month dues credit for 24 months as long as the new member stays active paying monthly dues. Our Membership Drive will conclude on March 31, 2011.

The fire was started by a discarded cigarette. Having said that, in the future, please extinguish all cigarettes and cigars when you have finished smoking.

**Willis Denmark
General Manager**

Fire at TPC Wakefield

Several weeks ago a fire burnt a number of golf holes at TPC Wakefield.



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Historic Trivia, Submitted by Doug Hunt

Did you know the saying "God willing and the Creek don't rise" was in reference to the Creek Indians and not a body of water? It was written by Benjamin Hawkins in the late 18th century. He was a politician and Indian diplomat. While in the south, Hawkins was requested by the President of the U.S. to return to Washington. In his response, he was said to write, "God willing and the Creek don't rise." Because he capitalized the word "Creek" it is deduced that he was referring to the Creek Indian tribe and not a body of water.

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, 'Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg.' (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint)

As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October) Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term 'big wig.' Today we often use the term 'here comes the Big Wig' because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.

Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what the people considered important. Since, there were no telephones, TV's or radios, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs, and bars. They were told to 'go sip some Ale and listen to people's conversations and political concerns. Many assistants were dispatched at different times. 'You go sip here' and 'You go sip there.' The two words 'go sip' were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion and, thus we have the term 'gossip.'

T O U R N A M E N T S / E V E N T S

Our first Member Event of the 2011 season will be the Spring Kick Off Event starting at 9:00 AM on Saturday, March 19th. This event is open to all members of Wildwood Green. The format is 4 person teams, Captain's Choice. Sign up with the Golf Shop by calling (919) 846-8376.

The winter raffle is in full swing and spots are going quickly! We hope to have all the spots sold by March 19th, and plan on hosting the drawing after the Spring Kick Off Event. Next time you are in the Golf Shop stop by the counter and sign up for a square. Cost is \$10 per square and you may buy as many squares as you would like. Fabulous prizes will be given away with the top prize being a set of Adams graphite shafted irons and woods! Proceeds will help the Golf Shop staff pay for their PGA education dues and expenses.

Member News

A big congratulations goes out to **Sara Ramsey** who had her career low round for 9 holes on Monday February 21st. Mrs. Ramsey who was playing with her husband Tom shot a 46 on the front nine.

Hole-In-One

Jerry Bitzenhofer was thrilled after his ACE on #6. Jerry used an 18 degree hybrid to hole out from the Blue Tees. The witnesses for his Hole-In-One were Bud O'Connell and Joe Gorlesky.

Jeff Engelhaupt
Tournament Director



Bogey's Update

Well, let's hope this taste of spring brings the real thing! It's been a brutal, gray winter and I think we're all ready to get this golf season started. We had a nice start to February with a tasty Valentine's Day lunch, and all the ladies received a chocolate-dipped strawberry for a Valentine. Thanks to all the gals who played that chilly day! Please put on your calendar the date of our Spring Kick-Off, March 19th! We kick off the season with some fun

golf and great food. Also, we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day at Bogey's with drink and food specials, so stay tuned. The week of March 18th also brings the beginning of March Madness. Show up in Bogey's with your team logo on and we'll treat you to a soda or a snack! We look forward to a lot of team spirit as we work our way towards April with the Final Four beginning and also the beginning of a great golf season! As always, please share with me your comments,

concerns or suggestions. Please fill out a comment card or email me at leslie@wildwoodgreen.com.



Leslie Roth
Food & Beverage Manager

MONTHLY UPDATE FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Greetings Wild-wood Green members. Greens aerification was completed at the end of February. 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 out so we could achieve deeper penetration for a healthier root zone. 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 with this as again the weather has set

us back. 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,

Rick Durham
Golf Course
Superintendent

HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL NOTES

With March comes the official kickoff to the golf season and warmer weather! After an exceptionally cold winter, the staff is ready for the season and looking forward to the first member tournament of the year; the Spring Kickoff on March 19 at 9:00 AM. All members are invited to attend this fun four person super-ball event. The event is a great way to shake off some of the rust from your game and enjoy the course.

The winter raffle is also winding down. We have limited spots still available and will be looking to have the drawing for the Adams Idea irons and twenty-four other prizes following the Spring Kickoff. With only 100 spots being sold the chances to win are great!

All members are invited to attend a Ping fitting/demo day on March 18. Ping staff will be available to meet from 2:00-5:00 at the driving range and the newest Ping products will be there to test!

Keep an eye out for new merchandise that will be arriving soon! The golf shop will have new shirts and hats arriving daily.



Kevin Hamski
Head Golf Professional



Wildflowers

Opening Meeting for the 2011 Wildflower Golf Season
Tuesday, March 1 - 9 AM at the Clubhouse

All Wildwood Green member women golfers welcome!!

- We've got some new ideas for 2011! You need to be there to help us make the decisions!
- Plan tentative dates for member-member, Invitational, etc.
- Election of officers!

Our tournament season will begin the following Tuesday, March 8, tee time 10AM.

Rules Seminar, Hosted by Jason Cox



Jason Cox, the director of Junior Golf in the Carolina Section, held a rules seminar for our Members on February 16, 2011.



John Budwine Golf Academy

March 5th 2011 will begin a new era in golf instruction at Wildwood Green. John Budwine will begin his Golf Academy with a "Meet the Instructors" day where all John Budwine Golf Academy instructors will be on hand from 2-5pm to give you valuable hints and tips.

Beginning on the 14th of March, John will begin his weekly clinics. The clinics will be held on Monday's, Wednesday's, and Thursday's beginning at 5:00pm and 6:30pm. The Monday clinics will concentrate on the driver, Wednesday clinics will cover putting, and Thursday clinics will concentrate on areas of the short game. Clinics will also be held on Saturday's at 1:00pm and 3:00pm. Saturday clinics will again cover the driver. Long irons and fairway woods clinics will be added in the near future.

A complete list of clinic dates, times, and topics can be found by visiting John's website at www.johnbudwinegolfacademy.com.

To schedule your personal lesson call John @ 919-656-5176 or send him an email at john@johnbudwinegolfacademy.com.



Great Golf Tips

Stay in the slot

One of the best tips I can give anyone is to start the downswing by pulling with the left side. I see a lot of right hand dominant people who have a big tendency to push with the right side from the top. When the right side pushes from the top it throws the arms away from the body and causes us to swing across the line. This across the line move usually results in a pull or a slice. The other alternative is to pull with the left side to start the downswing. When the left side pulls, the arms stay tucked in close to the body and keeps us "in the slot" or proper path to attack the ball.

A tip that will help you dominate with the left side is to relax your right hand grip pressure by feeling like you are just barely pinching the club with the tips of your index finger and thumb. The right hand is there for the ride. The only role the right hand should play is to square up the clubface just before impact and this happens naturally when the left side pulls through the ball.

Stretch The Rubber Band

Think of the left side as a rubber band. Stretch the rubber band on the backswing by keeping your left heel on the ground as you turn your left shoulder back. When done correctly you will feel tension in the back of the left shoulder at the top of the backswing. This tension indicates that you have created a good stretch in the left side. Once you have created this good stretch, the downswing will be just like shooting a rubber band.

Keep The Big Wheel Turning

During the backswing, the hands, arms, and shoulders must work together to create a coiling effect. When the shoulders stop turning so should everything else. Any motion on the backswing that happens after the shoulders stop turning will result in disaster. One such disaster is the bent left arm at the top otherwise known as a "breakdown."

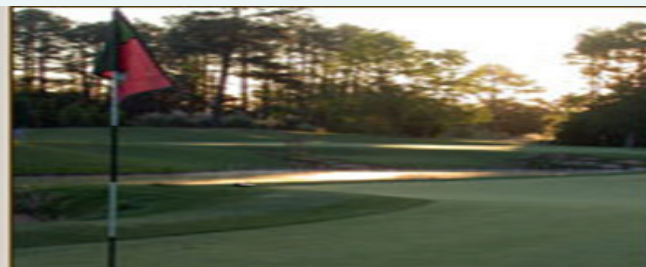
The breakdown occurs because the shoulders stop turning but the left arm keeps going. The left arm unable to support the weight of the club is forced to bend and that is when another phenomena known as the caster disaster sets in. I like to think of the shoulders as a Big Wheel and the left arm as one of the spokes. Keep the Big Wheel turning on the way back and you will escape the wrath of the above-mentioned phenomenon.

WILDWOOD GREEN GOLF CLUB - STAFF

LIFE LESSONS

Someone has written these beautiful words. Must read and try to understand the deep meaning of it. They are like the ten commandments to follow in life all the time. **Worth to share...**

- 1] Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.
- 2] So a Car's WINDSHIELD is so large and the Rear view Mirror is so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, Look Ahead and Move on.
- 3] Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
- 4] All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.
- 5] Old Friends are Gold! New Friends are Diamond! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a Base of Gold!
- 6] Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!
- 7] When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.
- 8] A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"
- 9] When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
- 10] WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES, it takes away today's PEACE.



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