



# NOVEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER



## WILDWOOD GREEN GC

### Golf Shop Hours

November 2010

Every day first Tee  
Time 7:30 AM

Wildflowers start at  
9:00 AM

Wildoats start at  
9:00 AM

Gaggle starts at  
10:00 AM

Thanksgiving Day  
Shotgun 9 AM

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### LETTER FROM GENERAL MANAGER

The Fall season is the best time of year to play golf. Our Member Tournament schedule concluded with the Fall Member-Member. Participation in member tournaments continues to grow.

We continue to hear our members comment on the great conditions of the golf course. Rick Durham and his staff have continued to improve course conditions over the past three years. John Budwine and his Golf Professional Staff take care of all tournament details so members enjoy fun, fellowship, and friendly competition in a relaxed atmosphere. After tournament play is completed, Leslie Roth and her Food & Beverage Staff present members with all types of delicious meals. Congratulations to all the winners. All results are listed in the Newsletter. The entire Wildwood Green

Staff thanks you for your participation in all Member Tournaments & Socials. Please continue to share your comment cards as we continue to strive to improve your golf experience.

Wildwood Green Golf Club has not increased member dues for more than five years while operating expenses have continued to rise. As ownership and management prepare the 2011 budget we will do everything possible to keep dues affordable. A special prepayment program with options for prepayment of your 2011 dues is available. Prepaying your dues saves you money, saves the club money and assists us when we are planning for improvements in 2011.

1. If you prepay by November 15, 2010, you can deduct an 8% discount.
2. If you prepay by December 15, 2010, you can deduct a 6% discount.
3. If you prepay by January 15, 2011, you can deduct a 5% discount.

**"REMEMBER THAT IF YOU PREPAY YOUR 2011 DUES, YOU ARE GUARANTEED NO DUES INCREASES DURING 2011."**

If you have any questions, please contact me or Judy Blackburn, Office Manager, at 919-846-8376 or [judy@wildwoodgreen.com](mailto:judy@wildwoodgreen.com).

Sincerely,

**Willis Denmark**  
General Manager



### Bogey's Update

A big thank you to all the members who have attended our Couples Golf days and the Member Package events! It was a pleasure to serve you all, and I hope you continue to give me your feedback. An FYI, we will not have a beverage cart from now until spring so please take advantage of "goodies" in Bogey's before teeing off. Keep an eye on

your Wildwood emails as we will be having some fun fall and winter events! Your participation is much appreciated, and it creates a good, family feel for our new members! Any suggestions for upcoming events are always welcome. As your new Food & Beverage Manager, I would really like to know how things have changed (for the

better or worse). Stop by Bogey's and fill out a comment card and our staff will "treat you to a snack" for the Halloween season. Happy Thanksgiving to all and enjoy the beautiful fall!

**Leslie Roth**  
Food & Beverage Manager



## EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS FUND



As you know each year Wildwood Green, like most country clubs, provides a Christmas fund for distribution to the staff. This fund comes from you, and last year more than two hundred members contributed.

All full-time and part-time employees – management excluded – who have worked for more than three months receive a gift. This is a real highlight of the season for our employees. We have been pleased with our customer service this year and the golf course is in excellent condition. Our staff is working more hours than ever before to make the facility the best it can be for you, our members. I have never been around a harder working, more quality golf staff. If you would care to contribute to the fund to recognize the outstanding work done by our staff throughout the year, you can mail a check made out to Wildwood Green or drop by the golf shop and give it to me personally. Please designate your contribution as a Christmas fund contribution and have it on a check separate from any other payment to Wildwood Green. This way we can keep track of the contributions to the fund and include your name on a list so the staff may personally thank you.

Thank you for your generosity. Have a happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Willis Denmark

### COACH OF THE YEAR

First year Panther Creek High School coach, Erica Gonzalez, was honored on Tuesday, October 19, 2010 as "COACH OF THE YEAR" for the Tri-9 Conference. The team was comprised of the same 4 girls that were on last year's team and the Golfing Catamounts improved their stroke average by 14 shots from 2009. Erica is a golf instructor here at Wildwood Green. She can be reached at the Golf Shop for individual instruction lessons.



#### Lesson Testimonial

Good morning Willis. I would think that this is the type of Email any manager would want to receive.

This is about Erica. I have been a student of hers this past summer and the results she produced were tremendous. I am hitting the ball further and with more accuracy. My hole in one is only the tip of the iceberg. In September I came from behind to beat two other low handicap players in the EMC Golf League to win the League Championship. My new swing, I refer to it as the "Gonzalez Technique" has been a real "game winner" for me. I will continue to promote the teaching efforts of the Club and Erica. You should be extremely proud of this woman and her contributions to Wildwood Green Golf Course. I would consider her to be your TOP INSTRUCTOR!

Jeffrey Wehner

### Member Accomplishments

#### Hole-In-Ones In October

**Doug Hunt** (Former Ranger) aced #6 on 10/13/10 from 140 yards using a 6 iron. Witnesses were Bob Stephens, Don Hazelwood, and Roger Peck.

**Bob Hounsell** made his second hole-in-one in 3 months when he aced the 12th hole on 10/16/10 during the third round of the Fall Member/Member event. Bob's ace was from 164 yards with a 6-iron and his playing partner was Tony Parente.

Wildwood Green members sweep the Championship Flight of the Tarheel Seniors at Pine Hollow on October 18, 2010.

**1st Place Bob Hounsell - 72**  
**2nd Place Bob Rudolph - 72**  
**3rd Place Cliff Seastrunk - 73**

**Bob Hounsell** won in a scorecard playoff.

Member **Ed Stein** won closest to the pin on hole 3 in the same event.

## Wildwood Green GC Golf Academy

### November's Tip of the Month By PGA Professional Kevin Hamski

#### *Superb Short Game*

One of the areas most players wish to improve upon is the short game. This is the part of the game that makes a good round a great round and turns a good ball striking round into a high score. Here are a few keys to go by around the greens.

1. Pitch shots – Let the length of your backswing determine the length you hit your shot. For a shorter chip or pitch just off the green, the shot will not require a lengthy backswing. Keep it simple and short. Also, the key to success for these shots is to always follow through. You will want to see the forward swing be at least the same length as the backswing in nearly every situation around the green.

2. Low trajectory shots – Most of the shots around the green should be played with a lower trajectory that gets the

ball rolling quickly. Unless you are short sided and have very little green to work with this will always be the most consistent shot. Be sure to read your chips and look at how the ball will react once it hits the green. By hitting this lower shot you will simplify the spin, trajectory, and carry distance, making the shot much easier and simpler to execute.

3. A bad putt is always closer than a bad chip – Heading into winter when the grass is dormant everyone will encounter some tight lies around the greens. If the ball is sitting down in the grass or you have a little doubt about the shot and the putter is a viable option, be sure to take the putter in this situation. While a bad chip may leave you with another chip or lengthy putt, a poorly executed putt will always give you a reasonable chance to still make the up and down.

The next time you are on the course and have some shorter shots around the green take a

second look and figure out what-type of shots you can play. Getting the ball rolling like a putt as soon as possible will take a lot of the guesswork out of the short game and get the ball closer to the hole more consistently.

Kevin Hamski, PGA  
Teaching Professional

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



### GOLF HUMOR – Thanks to Bob Sanchez for the Top 10 List

# 10 -- Golfer: "Think I'm going to drown myself in the lake." Caddy: "Think you can keep your head down that long?"

# 9 -- Golfer: "I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course." Caddy: "Try heaven, you've already moved most of the earth."

# 8 -- Golfer: "Do you think my game is improving?" Caddy: "Yes sir, you miss the ball much closer now."

# 7 -- Golfer: "Do you think I can get there with a 5 iron?" Caddy: "Eventually."

# 6 -- Golfer: "You've got to be the worst caddy in the world." Caddy: "I don't think so sir. That would be too much of a coincidence."

# 5 -- Golfer: "Please stop checking your watch all the time. It's too much of a distraction." Caddy: "It's not a watch - it's a compass."

# 4 -- Golfer: "How do you like my game?" Caddy: "Very good sir, but personally, I prefer golf."

# 3 -- Golfer: "Do you think it's a sin to play on Sunday?" Caddy: "The way you play, sir, it's a sin on any day."

# 2 -- Golfer: "This is the worst course I've ever played on." Caddy: "This isn't the golf course. We left that an hour ago."

# 1 -- Best Caddy Comment Golfer: "That can't be my ball, it's too old." Caddy: "It's been a long time since we teed off, sir."

## MONTHLY UPDATE FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Greetings Wildwood Green members. We are entering the time of year when we will experience frost delays. Frost delays occur when frost forms on the turf canopy because temperatures reach or near freezing. Turf will sustain injury simply by walking across frosted areas. When this occurs it can be months before the affected area can recover or be repaired. Also, keep in mind that no course setup can be completed until the frost

has melted. The maintenance team will do everything possible to have play begin as soon as possible. As I have mentioned in previous newsletters we are upon leaf season. Cleanup is a slow process and the maintenance team is working daily to complete some sort of leaf cleanup. The fall will also present us an opportunity to begin working on bunkers. During peak season the bunkers receive a lot of play. Because of this the sand is removed simply by

“hitting shots” out of the bunkers. I will be assessing the bunkers and the maintenance team will begin adding sand back into the bunkers the remainder of the year. I would like to thank everyone for the positive comments and encourage all of you to fill out comment cards. This is an excellent way for us to hear your comments and continue to get better. As always I can be reached via e-mail at [rick@wildwoodgreen.com](mailto:rick@wildwoodgreen.com)



Sincerely,

**Rick Durham**  
Golf Course  
Superintendent

## FALL MEMBER – MEMBER RESULTS

### Ladies Final Results

#### LOPEZ FLIGHT

\*Lorraine Leahy/Becky Hiller  
Denice Short /Diane Rupert  
Chris Butler/Sally Stoehr  
Kim Waterhouse/Katy McGannon

### Men's Final Results

#### WATSON FLIGHT

Al Makila/Bob Rudolph  
Kevin O'Connell/Bud O'Connell  
Chris Cox /Michael Cox  
Carl Hiller/Tim Hiller  
James Herman/Chuck Denning  
Mike Wilson/Taylor Britt

#### PALMER FLIGHT

Tony Parente/Robert Hounsell  
Paul Brenan/Chris Robertson  
Ken Mayhew/TretRhyne  
Tony Herring/Bryan Copeland  
David Bitzenhofer/Jerry Bitzenhofer

#### PLAYER FLIGHT

Jim Markov/Ralph James  
Tony Rotunno /John Peterson  
Bob McMillan /Stan Piotrowski  
Tom Troxclair/CharlesHassingier  
Stephen Dawes/Keith Dawes

#### NICKLAUS FLIGHT

Jim Davis/David Harry  
Eric Gressel/Brian Toothman  
Sougata Mukherjee/Archie Perez  
Neil Boyd/Alan Sack  
James Levy/Rob Bigan

#### JONES FLIGHT

Dan McKay/Dan Sawyer  
Dennis Martin/Rick Giglio  
Tom Regan/Art White  
Dale Denny/Dennis Paro  
Mark Nordin/Andrew Pucci

#### SNEAD FLIGHT

Rich Bradley/Jack Short  
David Strickland/Mike Grubb  
Rick Herrick/Rob Welch  
Bob Sanchez/Joe Forgione  
Kurt Alcorn/Dale Gibson

**THE WICKED WITCHES OF  
WILDWOOD****M E M B E R T E S T I M O N I A L**

Willis,

After shooting a personal best of 87 today, I wanted to write you and sing the praises of all your staff, and especially John and Erica from a teaching standpoint. I had a morning session with John about 6 weeks ago that really helped straighten out my drive and start to work on my irons. John was great about focusing on making adjustments to my current game without changing every aspect of my swing - it was a great experience and John, of course, is fun to work with.

About 2 weeks ago, I took a lesson from Erica, who really focused on adjusting my posture and swing with my irons. Her advice to "square my shoulders", "relax my arms" and "hold my finish" really allowed me to leverage my swing and gain accuracy and distance. Erica's teaching style is clear, encouraging and produces results.

In addition, Curt took a moment to encourage me to play "smart golf" and stop over-using my driver. His candid advice caused me to rethink my tee shot club selection and I believe contributed to my lower score. There is great insight available from many who love and play the game of golf.

My husband Glenn and I joined Wildwood this past spring and have enjoyed our membership immensely. The customer service of the staff, the camaraderie with the other players and the consistently improving course conditions have all contributed to a great experience.

Now, if I can just break 80.....

Kind regards,

Diane Rupert

# Wildflowers

## NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

**TUESDAY - 9AM**

**NOVEMBER 2**

*Election Day Low Net  
(You can vote for the winner)*

**NOVEMBER 9**

*Team: 1 Gross + 1 net*

**NOVEMBER 16**

**FINAL MEETING!! 8 AM!!!**

*Low Putts*

**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

## NOVEMBER 2010 WILDFLOWERS INVITATIONAL A GREAT SUCCESS

### WINNERS!

#### 1ST FLIGHT

1st Gross-Nina Lancaster  
2nd Gross-Beky Hiller  
3rd Gross-Diana Turner

#### 2ND FLIGHT

1st Gross-Diane Rupert  
2nd Gross-Glenda Jenkins  
3rd Gross-Susan Bailey

#### 3RD FLIGHT

1st Gross-Sara Ramsey  
2nd Gross-Jeanette Benjey  
3rd Gross-Deidre Testrake

1st Net-Mary Swanger  
2nd Net-Kim Waterhouse  
3rd Net-Lee Thayne

1st Net-Carol Smith  
2nd Net-Fran Sahaidda  
3rd Net-Phyllis Harrison

1st Net-Sharon Penny  
2nd Net-Tez Chariton  
3rd Net-Lorraine Johnson



### LADIES EXPERIENCE THE NCSU COURSE

Twelve women from Wildwood played at the Lonnie Poole Golf Course on the NCSU Centennial Campus, Tuesday, Oct. 12. The weather was perfect ... the golf course was challenging (to say the least). After 18 holes several of the group enjoyed lunch at the Alumni Club. Thanks to John Budvine for getting the tee times, and Glenda Jenkins for getting the reservations for a late and delicious lunch!



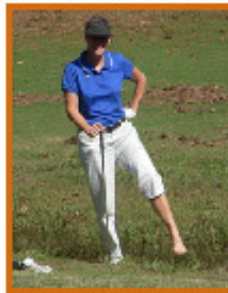
AT THE 1ST TEE



LUNCH!!

THE BRAVE GOLFERS WHO PLAYED: L. Hanks, S. Ramsey, M. Ranney, G. Jenkins, G. Brink, F. Sahaidda, C. Smith, D. Turner, J. Benjey, D. Kane, D. Rupert, C. Sepich

### OCT. 5 - TEAM POINTS SHOT OF THE DAY:



Denise Short hit out of the creek on the left of #11, gotta get those team points!

**SAVE THE DATE:  
WED. DEC. 8  
WILDFLOWER/  
WILDOATS  
HOLIDAY  
SOCIAL  
6PM  
CLUBHOUSE  
BRING HOR'S  
D'OEUVRE OR  
DESSERT!**

## WILDWOOD GREEN GOLF CLUB - STAFF

Please welcome two of our newest PGA Professionals to our staff. **Mike Rissmiller** and **Danny Wilson**. Both of these gentlemen have extensive knowledge and experience not only as instructors, but also as valued members of our staff.

**Mike Rissmiller** is a golf staff teaching professional and works as a starter and ranger at Wildwood Green. He has been a PGA member for

17 years with high school and college coaching experience. His former experience as a teacher, head golf professional and instructor at one of *Golf Digest's* "Top 100 Golf Schools" helped advance his communication and teaching skills. He has written and published over 30 instructional articles.

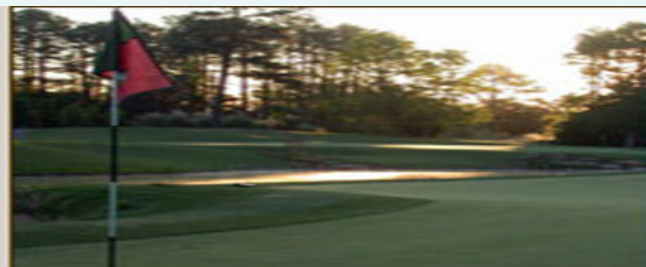
Mike feels simplicity is important and the ability to communicate to the student is essential for progress. His philosophy is that instruction does not

Have to be technical for an individual to improve. Contact Mike Rissmiller, PGA Professional - 919-633-0788 - [psupga1342@aol.com](mailto:psupga1342@aol.com)

**Danny Wilson** began his golf career in Va. Beach, Va. where he grew up and played for over 30 years. In 1999 he moved to Orlando Florida to work at one of the finest golf resorts in Florida, Southern Dunes GCC. While there he worked with, taught and played with players from all over the world. In 2003 Danny moved to Raleigh to be closer to friends and family. He took a job with Dicks Sporting Goods as the Golf Professional. For over 6 years he gave hundreds of lessons (all good teaching leads toward improved technique by applying sound principles to achieve long term results), Club fitting, (while equipment alone cannot make a strong player, it is important that the fitting of the equipment be made to the player, rather than the other way around). Danny has worked his way to the top of the class by earning his certificated of Certified Club Repair and Fitter from Mitchell Golf.

Danny is available for lessons, club fittings, and club repair at Wildwood Green. To schedule a lesson, or fitting, give Danny a call at 919-601-9194.

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