



# November 2009 Newsletter

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October was a busy month as we concluded our member tournament schedule with the Fall Member-Member and the Club Championship. Head Golf Professional, John Budwine, and his Staff have done an outstanding job this season organizing all the member tournaments. Rick Durham and his staff prepared the golf course in a special way for member events. Robert Caldwell and his F&B Staff always make special efforts to serve the members with high quality food and beverage offerings to make member tournaments more enjoyable to all.

Congratulations to all the winners. All event results are listed in this month's newsletter.

Thank you for your support and participation this season in all our member tournaments and social events. Our Staff is dedicated to fulfilling our promise of meeting the needs of all our members and guest by providing quality golf service in an efficient and resourceful manner. Since your golf experience is our primary concern, it is important to us that you receive very good service during your time at your Club. We also want to make sure we will meet your future golf needs. The best way for us to achieve these goals is to ask you how we are doing. Next time you're at the Club please take a few moments to complete a **comment card**. We look at the information we get from the **comment cards** as our report card. We take our "Grade" seriously and use what you tell us to improve what we do and how we do it. All your comments are kept confidential, so be open and honest as you want. If you would like to make additional comments about your experience while at the Club feel free to email or call me.

Sincerely,

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## Staff Spotlight

### Tournament Director

#### Jeff Engelhaupt



**Jeff Engelhaupt, Tournament Director, was born in Billings, Montana. He moved to Durham, North Carolina when he was 13 years old because his mother's career transferred the family here. Since Jeff was more into golf and other sports than the great outdoors, he was excited about the move. Jeff attended Northern High School in Durham where he was a 4 year varsity letter winner on the golf team and all 4 years he advanced to the regional high school championships.**

**Jeff recently graduated from East Carolina University with a degree in Recreation and Park Management, with a concentration in Commercial Recreation and Tourism.**

**Jeff has played the game of golf for over 14 years starting when he was 10 years old. He has not had many coaches and feels his game is mostly self-taught, believing you must be able to feel your way around a golf course to be successful.**

**Before moving to North Carolina Jeff grew up playing on a par 3 course. To be successful on these types of courses you must hit precise mid irons and short iron shots. Jeff feels his greatest accomplishment playing on a par 3 course was to learn his mid and short iron game. This is where you get the ball close to the hole to make all the birdies. His favorite club is the 8 iron. He recently had his 4<sup>th</sup> career hole-in-one on #6 here at Wildwood Green with his 8 iron.**

**Jeff hopes to pass the Players Ability Test in the spring and begin his PGA Apprenticeship shortly there-after.**

## Member News

### Great Shots in October!

- Dabney Dougherty used an 8-iron to ace the 6th hole on October 29, 2009. Great shot Mrs. Dougherty!

Please let us know when you're playing in a golf tournament away from Wildwood Green. We'd like to share the results with all your friends.

John Budwine  
Head Golf Professional



### Penny Games

Enjoy the fun by participating in the **Penny Games!** Simply pull a slip out of the bowl located in the Golf Shop and multiply the **number** by **.01**, then pay the price. Hopefully you draw a winning number. Over **\$6,000** in PRIZES!



Here's an **Example:**

A person pulls the Number **100**, times it by **.01**, they pay **\$1.00**. No pull will exceed **\$10**.

**Penny Games** receipts will be used to **purchase the prizes**, add a **52" Wide Screen Television** and pay **PGA Education** expenses for **Zack Goldberg** and **Jeff Englehaupt** as they work toward their goal to become certified PGA Members.

### Recent Penny Games Winners

Name	Prize
Bob Sanchez	Dozen TF Gamers
Lisa Gervasio	Cleveland Hi Bore Hybrid
Ron Smith	WWG Umbrella
Regina Wright	NXT Sleeve
Denny Martin	18 Hole Cart
Nick Gula	\$50 Gift Certificate
David Gavin	WWG Umbrella
Rick Durham	NXT Sleeve
Arthur White	Top Flite Gamer Sleeve

## Wildwood Green GC Golf Academy

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

By

**Kevin Hamski**



Easy Escape – Bunkers

One of the areas I see most players struggle with on the course is the bunker shot. Bunkers are actually very easy shots; as long as your setup is correct.

When setting up to a bunker shot most players make the mistake of having the clubface too closed. The clubface should be relatively open; around 45 degrees open on a typical shot. This allows the bounce of the club to strike the sand first and help get the ball out of the bunker. With the clubface square, or not open enough, you'll see many players dig their club which causes deceleration and in many cases another bunker shot for your next play.

Another point is to make sure that the club must be swung along your body line. After your shot check the divot in the sand, if executed properly you should see the divot going in the same line along your feet. A common problem is that many players, after opening the face, will swing inside to out. After each bunker shot check your divot, it should be parallel to your feet.

Another point critical to the success of any bunker shot is to accelerate through the sand. When swinging you will want to make sure that your forward swing is at least as long as your backswing. This will allow the club to pass through the sand and carry the ball out onto the green.

One last item would be to check your wedges. In softer sand more bounce would be preferable, while in more compact sand such as after rain, less bounce would be better. Many players will have two wedges, one with eleven or twelve degrees of bounce, and another with four or five degrees of bounce. Generally, more bounce will be preferable in most bunker shots.

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

## Golf Shop News

**November 2009 Hours of Operation**  
**Weekend First Tee Time will start at 7:30 AM**  
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**Wildoats & Wildflowers start at 9:00 AM**  
**Gaggle starts at 10:00 AM**

## October 2009 Tournament Results

### October 23 Drinks & Sinks

**Bryan Copeland - 1st Annual Putting Champion**

### October 24 & 25 Men's Member/Member Winners

#### Nicklaus Flight

1st Place

**Bob Rudolph/AI Makila > Overall Champions**

2nd Place

**Stan Piotrowski/Paul Brenan**

#### Player Flight

1st Place

**Dan McKay/David Myers**

2nd Place

**Dave Harry/Jim Davis**



#### Watson Flight

1st Place

**Karl Cooper/David Strickland**

2nd Place

**Rich Bradley/Jack Short**

#### Palmer Flight

1st Place

**Chuck Dnning/Scott Newman**

2nd Place

**Jeff Zirker/Bruce Klein**

### October 31 & Nov 1 Club Championships

**2nd Round canceled due to inclement weather**

#### Men's Club Champion

**Zack Seabolt - 70**

**Carter Jenkins - 73**



#### Men's Flight Winner

**Ray Zafian - 77**

**Taylor Britt - 81**

#### Ladies Club Champion

**Chris Butler - 83**

**Kim Waterhouse - 84**



#### Junior Club Champion

**Stephen Franken - 78**

#### Senior Club Champion

**Mike Wilson - 72**

**Ken Mayhew - 73**



#### Senior Flight B Winner

**Jerry Bitzenhofer - 76**

**Bud O'Connell - 78**

#### Senior Flight C Winner

**Alan Sack - 80**

**John Gentry - 82**

#### Super Senior Club Champion

**Tony Parente - 75**

**Bob Rudolph - 77**



#### Super Senior Flight Winner

**Art White - 79**

**Rick Giglio - 81**

## Original Rules of Golf

At least not until the mid-18th Century, when the first known written rules of golf were put into writing by the Gentlemen Golfers of Leith, now the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers based at Muirfield. The rules were written for the Annual Challenge for the Edinburgh Silver Club in 1744. There were 13 of them, and here they are (with a few explanatory comments in parentheses). Note how many of these rules survive today:

1. "You must tee your ball within a club's length of the hole." (A diameter of two club lengths. [Teeing grounds](#) are now defined as two club lengths in depth.)
2. "Your tee must be on the ground." (Tees, back in these days, consisted of little pyramids of sand.)
3. "You are not to change the ball which you strike off the tee." (Look at that - the "[one ball condition](#)" way back then! Actually, holing out with the same ball with which you teed off - with a few exceptions - is in [Rule 15-1](#))
4. "You are not to remove stones, bones or any break club for the sake of playing your ball, except upon the fair green, and that only within a club's length of the ball." (Hmmm, bones? Loose impediments, [Rule 23](#))
5. "If your ball comes among watter, or any wattery filth, you are at liberty to take out your ball and bringing it behind the hazard and teeing it, you may play it with any club and allow your adversary a stroke for so getting out your ball." (Origin of the 1-stroke penalty for a ball in a water hazard. [Rule 26](#))
6. "If your balls be found anywhere touching one another you are to lift the first ball till you play the last." ([Rule 22-2](#))
7. "At holling you are to play your ball honestly at the hole, and not to play upon your adversary's ball, not lying in your way to the hole." (Don't do something petty such as trying to hit your opponent's ball with your own. It's OK in croquet, not in golf.)
8. "If you should lose your ball, by its being taken up, or any other way, you are to go back to the spot where you struck last and drop another ball and allow your adversary a stroke for the misfortune." (Stroke plus distance, [Rule 27-1.](#))
9. "No man at holling his ball is to be allowed to mark his way to the hole with his club or anything else." (Now incorporated in [Rule 8-2.](#))
10. "If a ball be stopp'd by any person, horse, dog, or any thing else, the ball so stopp'd must be played where it lyes." (Deflection by an outside agency. Play it as it lies. [Rule 19-1](#))
11. "If you draw your club in order to strike and proceed so far in the stroke as to be bringing down your club, if then your club should break in any way, it is to be accounted a stroke." (Definition of [stroke](#))
12. "He whose ball lyes farthest from the hole is obliged to play first." (Virtually unchanged after all this time. [Rule 10](#))
13. "Neither trench, ditch, or dyke made for the preservation of the links, nor the Scholars' Holes or the soldiers' lines shall be accounted a hazard but the ball is to be taken out, teed and play'd with any iron club." (The first written rules also include the first local rule, for what we would now describe as ground under repair.)

The [Rules of Golf](#) continued to be developed over time, taking a huge step forward in 1897 when the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews formed a Rules Committee. Since 1952, the R&A and the United States Golf Association have met every two years to set down a uniform code of rules.

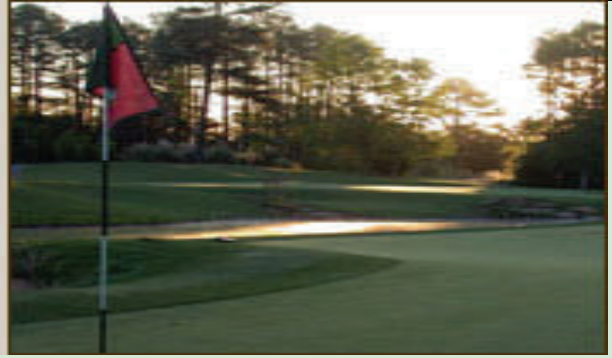
## Course Update

Greetings Wildwood Green Members

As I mentioned in the October Newsletter, leaf season is upon us. In the next few months the maintenance team will be blowing, mulching and vacuuming leaves on a regular basis. In addition, sand will continue to be added to traps through out the winter. In October you might have noticed plugs and sod from the nursery green being implanted into thin and bare spots on greens. These areas will heal in a short period of time and help improve the putting surface. I would like to thank those who filled out comment cards. This is an excellent way for you to communicate improvements needed for our course. 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

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Golf Course Superintendent



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