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Newsletter

Wildwood Green Golf Club
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October is in our headlights and cooler weather is finally in the forecast. We survived record summer temperatures and it is time to celebrate by playing more golf as the weather is better.

Golf in the fall has always been the best time to play, and Rick Durham & his staff have the golf course in the best condition ever, according to all the testimonials members & guests are sending us.

John Budwine heads a staff of six PGA Golf Professionals and three PGA Apprentice Golf Professionals in providing excellent customer service. Does anyone know of another 18 Hole golf course with 6 PGA Professionals on staff?

Take a look on our website's Home page (www.wildwoodgreen.com) to view our testimonials.

Please review the letter on:

Member Dues Prepayment Incentives
in the Member Section of the website.

There are a number of incentives for members to prepay dues, and as that happens ownership and management will be able to begin improvement projects earlier.

Please continue sharing your thoughts & ideas with us by filling out comment cards. All comments sent to me are always confidential. Over the past two years our members have helped us make great progress in areas of our operation. Working together, our members and staff will help Wildwood Green continue to grow & improve.

Willis Denmark
General Manager



Testimonial

Hello Willis,

I hope you are doing well. I just wanted to send you an e-mail to let you know from a customer's perspective that you have a top-notch staff. Everyone on the WWG team is always so courteous and helpful but I want to take a minute and thank two individuals who have provided me with outstanding customer service. A few months ago John Budwine went out of his way to order a monogrammed/logo bag for me. I am proud to carry the WWG bag especially when I play in tournaments at other clubs and I have received numerous compliments on the bag. Give a big "thank you" to John for me again. But this is only half of the story. Having a good looking bag to carry clubs that are not quite getting the job done is not optimal. This is where Kelly Malott comes in. Kelly has really helped me improve my ball striking. I was having some problems with my irons about a month ago. I was on the range and my long irons kept hooking...nothing I tried straighten the shots. After pounding away for about 30 minutes, I called into the clubhouse and Kelly answered the phone and listened to my problem. He asked me bring a couple of irons in so that he could check out my setup. He identified that the lie of the clubs were one degree off (even though I had the clubs fitted by "Company Name Omitted" when I bought them). He took the time to thoroughly explain the physics behind the problem that I was experiencing. I'm glad I took Kelly's advice. I made the decision to have the clubs bent down one more degree and I'm striking the ball much better now. I really appreciate the knowledge and individual customer attention shown by both John and Kelly,

Thanks again,

Dave Strickland

Snack Bar Update

What a fabulous end to summer and a beautiful roll into fall. Big thanks to all of you who joined us for the beach party, the package events and the couples golf. We've had good food and great times! I imagine all of you have also got to see our spankin' new beverage cart. It's a beauty, and we're so happy to have such a functional cart. If you're not tailgating for your favorite team come watch the games at Bogey's as we will soon be having some fun football specials. For the upcoming months we will be rolling out some warm sandwiches and hot soups on the menu. So come on in and enjoy a lovely glass of red wine on the Bogey patio as the colors begin to change. Cheers!

Leslie Roth
Food & Beverage Manager



Golf Humor

One day an Irishman, who had been stranded on a deserted island for over 10 years, saw a speck on the horizon. He thought to himself, "It's certainly not a ship".

As the speck got closer and closer, he began to rule out even the possibilities of a small boat or a raft. Suddenly there strode from the surf a figure clad in a black wet suit. Putting aside the scuba tanks and mask and zipping down the top of the wet suit stood a drop-dead gorgeous blonde!

She walked up to the stunned Irishman and said to him, "Tell me, how long has it been since you've had a good cigar?"

"Ten years," replied the amazed Irishman.

With that, she reached over and unzipped a waterproof pocket on the left sleeve of her wet suit and pulled out a fresh package of cigars and a lighter. He took a cigar, slowly lit it, and took a long drag. "Faith and begorrah," said the castaway, "that is so good! I'd almost forgotten how great a smoke can be!" "And how long has it been since you've had a drop of great Bushmill's Irish Whiskey?" asked the blonde.

Trembling, the castaway replied, "Ten years." Hearing that, the blonde reached over to her right sleeve, unzipped a pocket there and removed a flask and handed it to him.

He opened the flask and took a long drink. " 'Tis nectar of the gods!" shouted the Irishman. " 'Tis truly fantastic!!!"

At this point the gorgeous blonde started to slowly unzip the long front of her wet suit. She looked at the trembling man and asked, "And how long has it been since you played around?"

With tears in his eyes, the Irishman fell to his knees and sobbed, "Jesus, Mary and Joseph! Don't tell me that you've got golf clubs in there too!"

Wildwood Green Golf Club 2010 Club Championship



Overall Club Champion-Lennie Barton



Ladies Club Champion-Chris Butler



Seniors Age 55-59 Champion-Gary Strawbridge



Seniors Age 65-69 Champion-Al Makila



Seniors Age 50-54 Champion-Bryan Copeland



Seniors Age 60-64 Champion-Jerry Bitzenhofer



Junior Club Champion-Tyler Wright



Golf Shop News

October 2010 Hours of Operation

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

October Events

October will mark our last **Couples Event** of the year. This event will start at **4 PM** due to darkness coming a little earlier this month. The format will be 9 holes, Captain's Choice. The Couple's Event has been one of the best received events here at Wildwood and we need to send the 2010 season out with a bang! Grab your significant other and come see what all the couples have been talking about! Register in the golf shop. The entry fee is \$20 per couple not including the cart fee.

The **Wildoats** will be hosting their annual tournament and luncheon on **Thursday the 7th**. They will start as a 9 AM modified shotgun and will have lunch at the pavilion after play is over. Please be sure to sign up early as this event tends to fill up every year. If you are not a member of the **Wildoats** please contact the golf shop to learn how to become a member of the **Wildoats!**

Saturday and Sunday October 16th and 17th will mark the **Fall Men's Member-Member**. This event will feature the five 9 hole matches (3 matches on Saturday and 2 matches on Sunday) that is very popular among the members here at Wildwood. Grab your partner and sign up in the golf shop. Entry fee is \$100 per team not including the cart fee.

The **Wildflowers** will be holding their **2010 Invitational** on **Tuesday, October 19th**. See the registration form on the last page of this Newsletter for detailed information.

Wildwood Green GC Golf Academy

Presents trouble shot keys



Plugged Bunker Shot

Understand: Because the ball is in a hole, it will come out fairly low and with very little spin. Little spin will cause the ball to roll when it lands on the green.

Keys: Close the face of your sand or lob wedge. Next, close it even more. Did I mention, close the face? Finally, strike the sand fairly close to the ball. Make sure you get the sand out of the bunker.



Backhanded Shot

Understand: This is a difficult shot to hit more than 30 yards. So we are just going to take our medicine on this one.

Keys: Flip your seven iron around, stand very close to the ball with your back to your target. You are going to use your dominant hand to hit the shot. Take lots of practice swings, and avoid your ankle! Trust me, this is much easier than trying to hit it left-handed.



Downhill Chip Shot

Understand: Don't try to hit this shot high. The slope of the ground has already determined that this shot must be hit low.

Keys: The most important key is to make solid contact. You're going to use a basic chipping technique with one adjustment: angle your shoulders with the slope. This will help you swing with the slope. On a downhill chip, you will make a higher backswing and a lower follow through.

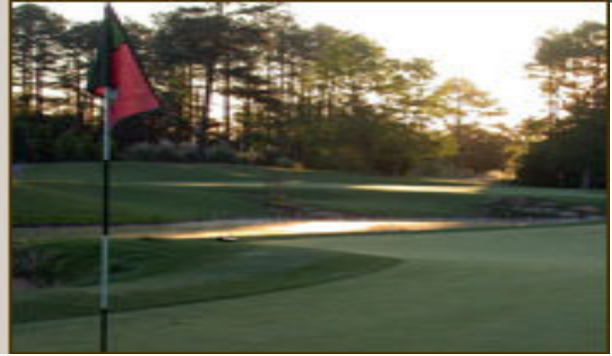
For more golf advice and individual attention, schedule a lesson with a WWG Golf Academy Certified Instructor.

Course Update

Greetings Wildwood Green Golf Club members. Upon completion of the September aerification, the putting surfaces have responded well. The cool weather has also had a positive impact. We still, however, have some areas that will need some plug and sod work. We will be working on this over the next few months. Light topdressing will also be implemented bi-weekly in efforts to improve smoothness and speed on the putting surfaces. Now that fall has arrived leaves will begin to fall. The maintenance team here at Wildwood will be doing everything possible to keep the playing areas free of leaves. You will see blowers, mulchers and vacuums out daily. This is a slow process and usually takes a few months to cleanup completely. For the first time in my career, I am excited to say frost delays will be here soon. I will cover more on that next month. I would like to thank everyone for the positive comments and as always I can be reached via e-mail at rick@wildwoodgreen.com

Sincerely,

Rick Durham
Golf Course Superintendent



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September 2, 2010

Mr. Dwight L. Greene
6705 Candlewood Drive
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Dear Mr. Greene,

Welcome back to Sparta for this special opportunity to recognize you in connection with the 75th Anniversary of the Blue Ridge Parkway celebration – 1935-2010.

On behalf of the Sparta Town Council and citizens of Sparta and Alleghany County, I want to thank you for your personal contribution to the early development work in performing much of the initial survey work and laying out the location for the Parkway. I know that you actually lived in Sparta for a period of time and you continue to maintain contact with some of our local people.

It is my pleasure to be able to present to you today, a ceremonial "Key to the Town of Sparta" as a small token of our appreciation to you for making the long trip from Raleigh to be interviewed about your work on the Blue Ridge Parkway in Alleghany County. The interview will be broadcast on our local public access channel, which is viewed by many people in Alleghany, Ashe, and Watauga counties. I am sure that these viewers will find this program very interesting and timely, as we approach the date of the official ceremony recognizing the 75th Anniversary of the Blue Ridge Parkway, to be held on September 10th at Cumberland Knob Park, where the aerial construction began, seventy-five years ago.

We are so glad to welcome you here today, and I hope you will be able to return often to enjoy the many good things we have to offer from this community, and to enjoy visiting the Blue Ridge Parkway. Thank you for being here.

Sincerely,

John H. Miller
John H. Miller, Mayor
Town of Sparta

Member News

Congratulations to Dwight Greene as he received the "Key to the town of Sparta" for his personal contribution and initial survey work for the Blue Ridge Parkway in Alleghany County.

Mr. Greene was interviewed about his work on the Blue Ridge Parkway from 75 years ago and the interview was broadcasted locally in Alleghany, Ashe, and Watauga Counties.

To the left is a copy of the letter Mr. Greene received from John H. Miller, Mayor of the town of Sparta.

Below is a picture of Mr. Greene at Wildwood Green Golf Club holding his "Key to the town of Sparta".



Wildflowers

Wildwood Green Golf Club

2010 Invitational Tuesday, October 19

8:30 AM Continental Breakfast
9:30 AM Shotgun

Flighted, prizes for individual
low gross & low net

Hole prizes, door prizes,
goodie bags

Luncheon after play

\$45 Entry fee – Oct. 13 deadline

Includes everything ... cart, green fee!

Wildwood Green Golf Club is a women golfer friendly course! The course layout is interesting, each hole shows its own personality. The *Wildflowers* are proud of their home, and they invite you to enjoy a great round of golf at Wildwood Green Golf Club on October 19th!



REGISTRATION FORM

Please mail to:

Jeanette Benjey, PO Box 14092, Durham, NC 27709

FORM MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN OCT. 13, 2010

You will be contacted to verify receipt of registration.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

USGA HANDICAP INDEX: _____ CLUB: _____

PHONE # OF CLUB TO VERIFY HANDICAP: _____

NAME(S) OF WHO YOU WANT TO BE PAIRED WITH: _____



PLEASE ENCLOSE A CHECK FOR \$45.00 MADE PAYABLE TO: **WILDFLOWERS**

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