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Newsletter

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The heat of summer is slowly passing and we have survived record temperatures set this year. While numerous golf courses in the area and the south east closed due to lost putting surfaces, Rick Durham and his amazing staff keep our putting surface's GREEN. Each day has been a challenge and our turf care staff met each day's challenges with vigor. I want to thank Rick and his staff, and I want to also thank our members for being supportive and understanding during a very stressful summer heat wave. This is another example of the teamwork I sense between our members and staff.

"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results." — Andrew Carnegie

Again, thanks for your support.

Willis Denmark
General Manager



Testimonial from Doug Wipperman:

Dear Willis,

This letter is long overdue. You and the staff of Wildwood Green are to be complimented on the fine facility you run. The course is in great shape, the staff is friendly and helpful and I have enjoyed my membership.

I particularly want to compliment Erica Gonzalez. As you may be aware both my grandson and I are taking lessons from her and she has been terrific.

She is patient, knowledgeable and a damn good instructor. She is truly an asset to Wildwood. Keep hiring staff like her and Wildwood will continue to flourish.

Sincerely,

Doug Wipperman

Snack Bar (Bogey's) Update

Well folks, as this summer comes to a close, I would like to thank you all for your continued comments and suggestions. We had tremendous participation in our "name the snack bar" promotion, with 49 entries! After all the final votes were cast, the winner is "Bogey's"! This suggestion was originally entered as Mr. Bogey's by our very own Marlie Malone, from the snack bar, but members voted it in as just Bogey's. Thank you Marlie! You will receive a \$50 gift certificate. My thanks to all of you for such a fun promotion! You have all received the email regarding our "End of Summer Beach Blast", so mark those calendars on September 12th and come join the fun as we say goodbye to Summer and hello to Fall. Next time you swing through Bogey's be sure to ask about our new wraps, the quick and easy way to eat a sandwich on the go!

Leslie Roth
Food & Beverage Manager

Golf Humor

- A reporter told Phil Mickelson, "You are spectacular, your name is synonymous with the game of golf. You really know your way around the course. What's your secret?"

Mickelson replied, "The holes are numbered."



- Was the above traffic indicator painted by our very own WWG Newsletter editor?
- A man was telling his neighbor in Miami, 'I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect.'
'Really,' answered the neighbor. 'What kind is it?'
'Twelve thirty.'

The USGA and R&A announced

new rules regarding the grooves on the faces of irons. The governing bodies adopted new specifications for the allowable volume of grooves (their width and depth) and the sharpness of the groove edges. The new specs - less volume, less sharpness - apply to all irons for groove volume and all irons with loft of 25 degrees or greater for groove sharpness. The rules go into effect, as a Condition of Competition, beginning Jan. 1, 2010. The purpose? The governing bodies essentially want to make hitting the fairway more important; golfers who find themselves in the rough should find that situation more punitive with the post-2010 grooves. The new specs are aimed at the world's best golfers, many of whom bomb away without fear of the rough because pre-2010 grooves give them the ability to produce lots of spin even out of poor lies. The new groove specs are designed to return more of an emphasis on accuracy. The new grooves will produce less spin, and the ball will run out more, putting more importance on keeping the ball in the short grass.

Member Accomplishments

On August 2nd **Ryan Gerard** shot 64 from the red tees at Wildwood. This eclipsed his last record from the red tees set on 5/20/2009 of 66. Way to go Ryan and keep those scores low!

Bob Hounsell shot his age of 63 on July 29th 2010 from the white tees. Bob also made a hole-in-one on August 27th on hole 12. He was playing in the Gaggle with Jim Davis, Tom Regan and Bill Sarine. What a great month of golf!

Sara Ramsey had a Hole In One on #4 on August 14th. Sara was playing with George and Linda Brooks and her husband Tom Ramsey. Sara used a 7 utility wood to make her ace. Great shot!

Jeffrey Wehner aced #4 on August 22nd. He used a 5 iron to ace the 175 yard par 3. His playing partners were Dennis Duprey and Charles Konopka.

Interesting, both Jeffrey and Sara are taking lessons from Wildwood Green Instructor Erica Gonzalez

Dave Harry aced #3 at Tobacco Road on August 13th 2010. Great shot Dave!

What People are Saying about Wildwood Green's Staff

I wanted to spend a few minutes telling you about my experience with the Eric Bryant Memorial Golf Tournament that we held at Wildwood Green Golf Club just yesterday.

My Wildwood contact throughout the planning of the event was Jeff Engelhaupt. He was always accessible, always patient, always friendly and always delivered what he said he would.

We held the tournament to honor my nephew, Eric Bryant, 25 who killed himself on campus at UNC in April of this year. This tournament was being held to raise funds for Active Minds which is a newly-formed non-profit chapter at UNC. The program promotes awareness about issues such as mental health, depression, and suicide. With the funding that we raised, Active Minds will be able to hold several on-campus events that will allow students to understand mental health issues better, recognized warning and risk signs of suicide, and no where to go locally for resources.

I started planning for this tournament less than a month from the time that Eric killed himself and needless to say, this was a very emotional and sensitive time for me and other family members. Jeff was always respectful and made it clear from the outset that his main goal was to help us put on a successful tournament.

I realize that most of what I am telling you about how great it was to work with Jeff is simply what is required/expected of him in the job that he has. In today's world, it seems to me (I must be getting old) that I most commonly find that people really do not know how to be kind and treat their customer with timely service and in a professional manner. In other words, Jeff's consistently positive demeanor and supportive role stood out to me in particular, but to other family members as well.

I wish there was something that I could do for him personally and I will keep thinking of a way to help him know how much his support meant to our family. More than what I can do though, I wanted both of you to know just how valuable a member of your staff was to me for the past several months.

If you happen to know Jeff's favorite restaurant or favorite store to shop in, please share that with me. Likewise, I hope you will find the time to thank him for his efforts as a Wildwood employee and I encourage you to find a way to reward him even if it's simply with a pat on the back.

Thanks for your time.

Barry Bryant

John, you may not know it but you saved my life today! Thanks for the help on the range. Golf is a big part of my life and when I cannot get it going, life feels like a big frustration!

Willis, you need to know what happened today..I think it will provide a chuckle but it should also bring you and your team a great deal of pride.

My dad, wife and kids bought me some new wedges for my birthday earlier this month. My irons have been measured for lie angle and are bent upright a degree or two so I took the new wedges in to have them bent. I could not make a swing good enough to hit the impact board or hit the ball solidly!

Needless to say it was embarrassing for me and the guy at the shop. I have been fighting the shanks and hooking the ball this year since the start of the season and the worst of my swings were coming out as I tried to hit the impact board.

I headed to Wildwood Green in desperation and met Erica at the desk. I explained to her what was going on and that I needed someone to look at my swing and help me figure this out...I had had enough of the shanks! (Please keep in mind I have read what Harvey Penick had to say in his Little Red Book, Golf Digest articles and watched the Golf Channel for clues to fix my swing and although it was improving it was still not the swing that I had going last year and at times not one I can play with. Erica listened closely, offered assistance and ultimately she and John figured out how to take care of me on the practice tee right away. I ate a quick lunch (great sandwich, too by the way) spoke very briefly with John about the problem and took a few balls to the range. Promptly at 2:00 (imagine the temperature out there) John started a 10 minute life saving lesson ..and my shanks are gone as long as I keep his words in my mind.."Work the hands inside the ball."

Guys, John did a great deal in those 10 minutes as an instructor. He sized the problem up, gave me a few set-up cues to start with and a swing thought that works and I am sure will keep working for me. He gave me confidence that the rest of my swing is good enough and he has me back on a path of confidence that I know will allow me to enjoy the game again. John, you took me from panic to calm and collected over the ball again. I cannot really thank you guys enough but I will tell you that Wildwood Green has a great team of folks that work hard to make the most of the golf experience for its membership. I really enjoy seeing the entire team and look forward to seeing you whenever I'm there. Thanks Again!

Sincerely,

Karl Cooper

Golf Shop News

September 2010 Hours of Operation

Weekday first Tee Time 7:30 AM starting 9/6

Weekend first Tee Time 7:00 AM

Wildflowers start at 8:00 AM

Wildoats start at 8:30 AM

Gaggle starts at 10:00 AM



September Events

Green Aerification on the **7th** and **8th**...9 Holes open each day.

September 12 from 3-6 PM will mark Wildwood Green's First Annual **End of Summer Beach Party**. We will be having wine and beer specials, a cornhole tournament and burgers, brats and dogs on the grill. Bring the whole family out and enjoy the beach one more time! RSVP to the golf shop...Payment must be made when you RSVP. Adults and Young Adults are \$11 each, kids 5-12 are \$8 each and kids 4 and under are free!

The **5th** and final **Men and Women's Package Event** will be held Saturday, **September 18th** as an 8 AM shotgun. The format for this last Package Event will be 2 Best Ball Net of the foursome. Make sure you sign up for this final Package Event of the year!

September 19th will mark the September **Couples Event**. This is a 9 hole Captain's Choice format. The couples event starts as a 5 PM shotgun start. Dinner will be served after play is over. Come out and enjoy the most popular member event at Wildwood Green!

The **Wildwood Green Club Championships** will be held Saturday and Sunday **September 25th** and **26th**. This event will be flighted. Come out and see if you can knock off the 2009 Champion Zack Sebolt who just turned 15 years old this past March.

Wildwood Green GC Golf Academy

Presents this month's Focus on Fundamentals

By
Erica Gonzalez



Hitting out of the Rough

I am sure at one time or another everyone has struggled getting out of the rough. Here are a few tips to make it a little easier for those of you who are frustrated with those pesky lies.

1. **Stand a little closer to the ball.** This allows you to come into that ball at a little steeper angle. The closer you stand the more upright your swing plane becomes.
2. **Move the ball more towards the middle of your stance.** This allows you to make contact with the ball before that nasty rough gets in your way.
3. **After you get the ball in the right position put a slight forward press with your hands.** This allows your left wrist to be firm throughout the swing. (Firm through impact)
4. **Also, although I like people to have soft hands, grip the club a little tighter with your left hand.** This allows you to have more control over the club head so it does not turn over in the rough.
5. **Last but not least, make sure you swing down and through the ball.** Do not try to lift the ball out of the rough.

Be confident and have fun! The rough is no longer a hazard for you!

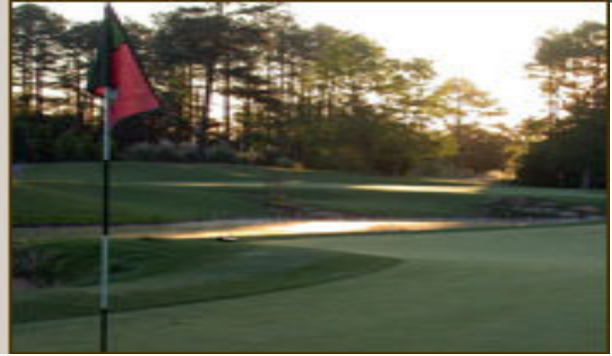
For more golf advice and individual attention, schedule a lesson with a WWG Golf Academy Certified Instructor.

Course Update

Greetings Wildwood Green Golf Club members. As summer comes to an end, the putting surfaces are making progress in growth and overall health. As mentioned in the August Newsletter, the heat caused stress to the putting surfaces. The maintenance team was able to limit any further stress through daily hand watering and solid tine aerification. A core aerification is scheduled September 7th and 8th. Aerification reduces compaction and will allow water and air to penetrate the soil profile. This process allows roots to grow deeper into the putting surfaces resulting in an overall healthier putting surface. The heat in conjunction with rain has promoted accelerated rough growth. The maintenance staff is cutting rough daily and I have taken actions to expedite the cutting by altering equipment to allow more equipment on the course cutting rough. I would like to thank everyone for comments and as always I can be reached via e-mail at rick@wildwoodgreen.com.

Sincerely,

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Golf Course Superintendent



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Wildflowers

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

TUESDAY - 8AM

SEPTEMBER 7

Individual Low Putts

SEPTEMBER 14

Even Front Nine Odd Back Nine

(Individual Low Net)

(LUNCH AFTER PLAY)

SEPTEMBER 21

Wildflower 666

(new format)

SEPTEMBER 28

Mutt & Jeff

(best indiv. net on part 3s & 5s)

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

WILDFLOWER AUGUST TOURNAMENT RESULTS

AUGUST 3

LOW NET PAR 4s

1st Place: Diana Turner (net 49)

2nd Place: Marti Ranney (net 51)

AUGUST 10

No results (sorry)

AUGUST 17

REVERSE LADY CHAPMAN

1st Place: K. Waterhouse, D. Rupert, J. Benjey

2nd Place: Y. Wei, C. Smith, M. Ranney
(J. Benjey clipped in)

AUGUST 24

SUPERBALL RAINED OUT RESCHEDULED FOR AUG. 31

SEPTEMBER 2010

PLANS FOR WILDFLOWERS' INVITATIONAL OCT. 19 IN ACTION

Our flower for the 2010 Invitational is this lovely purple Iris. You will see it on the invitation, flags, and decorations.

Mark the date: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH!! We will have a continental breakfast at 9am, and shotgun start at 10pm. The format is individual low net and low gross. This will be flighted according to handicap and there will be plenty of prizes for all.

Lunch will follow and the "awards ceremony" for the winners, plus door prizes!

This event is open to all women golfers from Wildwood and anywhere else. Please invite your golfing friends. You can sign up and choose your foursome or we will be glad to match you up with a group.



Guaranteed fun, as it has been in the past years!! Invitations will be available at the clubhouse after Labor Day, or call Jeanette Benjey (919 308 5774) or send her an e-mail (jennet004@earthlink.net) for more information.

DON'T MISS IT!!!

Congratulations to SARA RAMSEY FOR A HOLE-IN-ONE ON #4!

She was not playing with a Wildflower so she cannot collect our hole-in-one pot, but we are proud of her anyway!!!

By the way, the pot for a hole-in-one is \$220 this year!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JEANETTE BENJAY
SEPTEMBER 4**