

WILDWOOD GREEN GOLF CLUB

August 2019



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"Carolinas Golf Group Facility"

Newsletter



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Letter from the Owner – Roger Watson

Board of Advisors:

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**Thank you for all your
ideas and support to
improve the club.**

We hope you have enjoyed the Fat Tire Scooters and the new TurfHound range mat system! We also have a new golf club demo/rental program that has been initiated where you can try the best rental clubs on the market...both on the range and on the course. Be sure to give them a try, as you may find a new set to use!!

There are two items I need to address with the membership: 1. Three carts in a group. This should not happen at all. If it continues we will have to enforce some kind of rule to prohibit this. 2. No show tee times. We have a large amount of no shows. 143 just a week ago. Translated into dollars and cents that is no less than \$2860 or more than \$11,000 per month during the season. Please call and cancel. If this continues we will be forced to start new procedures.

We have had three bids come in for the cart path work and the project will begin soon. We will be repaving the road in front of the clubhouse as well as putting in \$220,000+ work into the course. We have identified problem areas and will make sure these are completed first. Sod will continue to be installed throughout the facility as Rick has measured areas that need attention.

We have completed all tee automation and will edge traps and add sand to the bunkers very soon. The ice and water dispenser has been installed at the halfway house on the course. We hope you enjoy a cold drink in this hot weather!

We are installing landscape stones at the pavilion which should be completed the first week of August if not sooner. We will also start replacing steps located at #4 green, #8 tee, #9 tee and #13 tee. We will be removing some more trees, such as #4 tee and we are looking at options to close in the pavilion.

Your comments and suggestions don't go unnoticed! Keep letting us know how we are doing!



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Join us on Clubster – Your member's only communication tool



Join us on
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Clubster is both a website and smart phone application that allows us to stay in contact with you using shorter and more direct messages than email systems. You can download the Clubster app through your phone's marketplace or sign in to the website from your home computer. We are able to keep you updated through this app via email and direct phone push notifications.

See a member of the golf shop if you have any questions!



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Member Accomplishments

Have something awesome happen to you this month? Report it to the golf shop and let us feature your news in next month's newsletter!

Jim Moore shot his **personal best score** of 78 on July 5th, 2019.

This is Jim's first time breaking 80. Way to go Jim!!

Ed Shelburne had a **Hole-In-One** July 10th on hole #17. Great shot, Ed!

John Buchenberger aced hole #6 on July 27th, his first **Hole-In-One**.



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Congratulations to Ryan Gerard on qualifying for the 2019 U.S. Amateur which is being held in Pinehurst!



Ryan nabbed the second qualifying spot at the Shaker Heights Country Club qualifying event in Ohio with a two round total of 139. Only two qualifying spots were up for grabs and with a second round score of 66, Ryan was able to beat out two people who tied for 3rd place with a 141. Great playing, Ryan Gerard!



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Acers Club at Wildwood Green



A good investment even if you aren't feeling lucky! **For only \$5** you can join the acers club and if you make a hole in one during the season you will **win the pot in the form of a gift certificate to the club**....which may help cover all of the drinks you will have to buy! **The first hole in one made by someone that is in the Acers Pool will win the pot.** Once the pot is cleared you will need to repay your \$5 to be eligible for the next round of winnings.

To enter the Acers Pool just stop by the golf shop and let us know you want to get in, pay your \$5, and go play golf.
The only catch is that your hole in one will have to be contested by your playing partner.

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Hours of Operation:

| <u>Day of the Week</u> | <u>Golf Shop Hours</u> | <u>First Tee Time</u> | <u>Last Range Bucket Sold</u> |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Monday | 10:30 AM – 8:30 PM | 11:00 AM | 8:00 PM |
| Tuesday-Saturday | 6:30 AM – 8:30 PM | 7:00 AM | 8:00 PM |
| Sunday | 6:30 AM – 8:30 PM | 7:00 AM | 5:30 PM |
| Champions Grille Hours - Tuesday - Sunday: 7:00 AM – 6:30 PM | | | |
| Champions Grille Hours - Monday: 10:30 AM – 6:30 PM | | | |



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Jeff Engelhaupt – General Manager

Dear Members,

My how this summer has flown! I cannot believe it is already August...but that doesn't mean there still isn't plenty for you to partake in here at the club! Just to the right of my article we have August's event schedule. Be sure to RSVP to the golf shop as soon as you can and do not miss out on the Club Championships which is open to all Wildwood Green members.

The addition of the new ice/water machine at the halfway house has been a HUGE hit. I am glad so many of you are enjoying this. We also have purchased a keg box to use in Champions Grille. This will allow us to keep cold, draft beer on hand for you throughout the year rather than just during our major golf events.

One thing I ask is that you take advantage of us....book your tee times two weeks in advance. That is a big member benefit for you guys and allows us to know when to staff throughout the day. BUT, if you are not going to show up with the amount of players you booked be sure to give us a call at least 24 hours in advance and back down your tee time. We have other members on our wait list and I would like to give them a chance to book as well.

Thank you for being a member and I look forward to seeing you at the club soon!

Upcoming Events

Friday-Sunday, August 2nd-4th
Ryder Cup Red vs. Blue

Saturday, August 10th
Skins Day

Sunday, August 11th
Couples Golf

Saturday, August 17th
Putt for Cash

Sunday, August 18th
Half Price Guest Day

Saturday-Sunday, August 24th-25th
Club Championship



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PACE OF PLAY – PLEASE READ!

By [Sam Weinman](#) (Golf Digest Article following the Open Championship when Brooks Koepka was asked about slow play):

On Sunday of the Open Championship, after a round in which he was caught rolling his eyes, motioning to an imaginary wrist watch, and possibly mumbling uncharitable things under his breath, Brooks Koepka was asked about the challenge of his pairing with the notoriously slow J.B. Holmes.

Here, Koepka, the four-time major champion and part-time slow-play crusader, was measured. It wasn't that bad, he said. Then again . . . "What I don't understand, when it's your turn to hit, your glove is not on, then you start thinking about it," Koepka said. "That's where the problem lies. It's not that he takes that long. He doesn't do anything until his turn. That's the frustrating part." Koepka's depiction of Holmes' anything-but-ready golf routine brought to mind the various ways slow play manifests over 18 holes. Our default image of the slow player is Caddyshack's Judge Smails hovering interminably over his ball, as if waiting for proper planetary alignment before he can consider pulling the club back. But that's just one type of slow, perhaps the easiest to identify and arguably the least consequential. In reality, most of the damage can be done before a player even gets to his ball. So what are the offenses that add up to painful pace? Allow us to count the ways:



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1. **Idle waiting:** As Koepka noted, a precious amount of time can be burnt just waiting for your turn to hit. We're not advocating anarchy here. At both the competitive and even recreational levels, golfers should still hit their actual shots one at a time. But everything else—calculating yardage, lining up a putt, even taking a practice swing if you're a sufficient distance removed from the action—can be done while someone else is playing. There's a certain amount of arrogance in thinking your pre-routine requires everyone else's attention. Better to assume they're not missing anything important so you can pull the trigger in a timely fashion.
2. **Bag mismanagement:** There is a great misconception that playing golf in a cart is unequivocally faster. In fact, you can move just as quickly—if not quicker—while walking provided you're not spending a lot of time retrieving your bag from suboptimal locations. Example: you chip from the front of the green to a pin in the back but leave your bag in front when going to putt, which means ... you have to go back to get your bag once the hole is over. Instead, when getting to the green just place your bag closest to the next tee box, get the clubs you need to finish the hole, then pick up your bag when walking off. And speaking of carts ...
3. **Cart mismanagement:** The only thing worse than the golfer who manages his bag poorly is the golfer similarly careless with his cart. The typical maddening offense: Golfer X leaves his cart on the cartpath, walks to the middle of the fairway with a 7-iron ... Oh shoot, he needs a 6 ... so walks back to the cart. Mind you, all of this could be avoided if he brought a handful of options with him in the first place, or better yet, if he even had his next shot in mind as well.
4. **"Did I ever tell you about the time ...":** We all relish the social opportunities that golf provides because it can be the perfect setting for catching up with friends and family. But that does not give license to tell intricate stories on the tee box, when someone is lining up a putt, or when everyone else has their eyes glued to the ground looking for an errant tee shot. Golf should be a game of forward progression. Take advantage of opportunities to connect with your partners in the walks from tees to fairways, or from fairways to greens. Anywhere else, and that time talking is usually at the expense of something else.



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5. Game delusion: It's worth noting that all the areas we've highlighted to this point have nothing to do with one's skill as a golfer. But even if you are a mediocre golfer, you can still compensate for the sheer volume of shots hit by acknowledging your limitations. Examples: if you're someone who sprays the ball all over the course, pay extra attention to where it's going so you don't waste everyone's time looking; if you have a remote chance of reaching the green in two or clearing a hazard, just lay up rather than wait for the group ahead to clear. And of course, if you've slapped it around on a hole a sufficient amount, be comfortable picking up and moving on. Your playing partners, and group behind, will be grateful that you did.

6. Cellphone abuse: We are hardly anti-technology zealots at Golf Digest, for the simple reason that having a phone and occasionally responding to messages gives golfers the opportunity to be on the course when they otherwise might be confined to an office. But again, timing is everything. For instance, if you know you have to respond to an email, insist you hit your tee shot first and then duck off to tend to business. If there's an urgent phone call to be made, either do it removed from the action, or you might have to sacrifice your involvement in a hole and catch up when you're done (social media, meanwhile, is fine when done in stride or when someone else is hitting). That might not be golf as it was intended, but neither are five-hour rounds.

7. Not . . . hitting . . . the . . . ball: Of course, we'd be remiss in not citing the obvious example of spending too much time taking practice swings, wagging and perhaps contemplating life's deeper questions while staring down at the dimpled sphere between our feet. In a 2016 book, *Golf's 8-Second Secret: What separates golf's greatest champions*, PGA pro Mike Bender and amateur Michael Mercier argued the time from when golfers set their lead foot, step over the ball and swing to the finish should take eight seconds, but that for most of us it takes double that time. That's an extra 12 minutes for the average 90s-shooter. Multiply that times four golfers in a group and we're talking an extra 48 minutes that have nothing to do with mindless chatter, checking your phone, or parking your cart in the wrong spot.

Trim some of that fat off your round and you might have more time to actually enjoy yourself.



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Rick Durham – Superintendent

The maintenance team has been busy over the last month. Aggressive dethatching was completed during the middle of the month. I estimate that over one hundred yards of material was removed and replaced with sand. This is a very important cultural that helps our greens roll true and maintain the correct firmness. Expect the greens to improve for the remainder of the year. Over twenty thousand square feet of sod has been installed on fairways and tees. Many of these areas had to have trees or limbs removed to provide sunlight required to maintain healthy turf. Irrigation has continued to be a focus. Some areas under construction are repairs and some areas are new improvements. July has had some of the hottest temperatures of the year. Irrigation is vital during these periods. August will hold more of the same for the maintenance team. Hopefully holes dug are irrigation improvements and not repairs. Additional sod will be installed and sand will be added to bunkers where needed. Landscape cleanup is ongoing with much more to come. Before I end I would like to touch on course setup. I have received numerous comments concerning putting green cups being worn or cut incorrectly. We are investigating and making changes to correct the issue. Thank you for all your comments and suggestions and as always I can be reached at rdurham@wildwoodgreen.com.



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Ashley Prost – Administrative Assistant

Happy August Everyone!

Summer is roaring on. Come into Champions this month to try some of our featured wraps. Some of the wraps we will be featuring are our:

Chicken Caesar Wrap: Grilled or fried chicken with lettuce, tomato, crispy bacon, Parmesan cheese and Caesar dressing, and our Buffalo Chicken Wrap: Crispy fried chicken with lettuce, tomato, buffalo sauce, pepper jack cheese and ranch or blue cheese dressing.

We also have a new Food and Beverage Manager that has joined us! Please help me in welcoming Jeff Goertemiller. He comes to us with Chef and Management Experience and is looking forward to getting to know everyone and help make Champions Grille even better!



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What a great turnout for the 2019 Ryder Cup! Two teams of 28, this is becoming a big event! Don't forget about Couples Golf Sunday, August 11th ...off the back 9! Sign up by Friday the 9th. Bring a guest for half price on Sunday, August 18th. The Club Championship is around the corner on August 24th & 25th, please sign up by Tuesday, August 20th. I'm very excited about the amount of participation we've had this summer, thank you all!



Special's from the Pro:

Member lesson referral program begins this month. Current or past students can refer any member or non-member for a package of 3 lessons or more & you get your choice of one lesson free or a \$25 gift card. Refer 2 students and get 3 lessons free or a \$50 gift card! This offer is valid to December 31st, 2019.



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The Golf Academy at Wildwood Green



The Wildwood Green Divots 1 team won the Chapel Hill League of the PGA Junior League golf season with an undefeated record. Seth Marshall, Xan Pitt, Davis Flynn, Eli Wofford led the team to the championship and will represent the league in the All Star qualifying event on August 1 at Lonnie Poole Golf Club. Keshav Patel from the Divots 2 team will also be on the All Star team. Other members of the Divots 1 team include Jack Bridge, Andrew Gough, Cole DelCastillo, Jack Thompson, and Andrew Kennedy. The Divots 2 team included Eva Karniol, Tyler, Ashley and Madison Kardas, Kanav Patel, Arjun and Dylan Kavde, and Carter Redden.

Registration is underway for the Operation 36 Fall Semester. All class offerings are available to register for by going to raleighgolflessons.com, navigate to the programs/junior programs page and follow the link to register. Tuition rates are published there with all payments going through Jimmy Hamilton once you are registered. The semester is a nine week program from 9/3-11/3. There is also a five week option for the Future 36'ers juniors ages 3-6 and the 7-10 year olds. People registering for other classes designated as nine week classes get first priority with open space after August 25th available for a five week option in any class. Five week options run from 9/3 to 10/4.

Get Golf Ready classes are forming for the Fall. The information is also at the website and navigate to the programs page and look for Get Golf Ready. You can register for those classes with Jeff Glatfelter at jgpro@outlook.com or 717-683-9196.



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Skins Day – Saturday, August 10th

All Day Tee Times - \$20 Per Entry



Opt into our all day skins game before heading out to the tee box! Just notify the golf shop that you want to play and what color tees you are playing from, pay the entry, and then go win some money!



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Couples Golf – Sunday, August 11th

5:00 PM shotgun start, dinner served after play is over



SIGN UP WITH THE GOLF SHOP BY CALLING 919-846-8376

**Cost: \$30 per member couple + cart fees
\$80 per accompanied guest couple including cart fees**



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Saturday, August 17th 5:30 -7:30 PM **Hi-Wire Putt for Cash!**

We will have Hi-Wire Brewing on hand for a couple of hours so that you can sample their beer flavors and partake in a putting contest where you could win a grand prize of **\$5,000 cash!**

Here is how it will work...



1. There will be a qualifying putt of 15 feet.
2. You can enter the qualifier up to two times at \$5 per entry.
3. The person closest to the hole (or in the hole) will move on to the **Putt for Cash** AND WIN 50% OF THE PURSE FROM THE QUALIFYING PUTT!
4. The putt for cash will be from 50 feet and if you make that putt you will win **\$5,000 CASH!** - RSVP to the golf shop today!



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Half Price Guest Day
Sunday, August 18th – All Day Tee Times

**HALF
PRICE**

Book your tee time and bring your accompanied guests out for a reduced rate of \$25 per player. If you cannot make the tee time, feel free to sponsor up to four guests who can play at the reduced rate.

A valid email address and name is needed for each guest taking advantage of the special. The name and email can be provided at time of check in.



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2019 Club Championship August 24th and 25th



**2018 Men's Club Champion
Lennie Barton**



**2018 Women's Club Champion
Kelley Taylor**








**Open to all members of Wildwood Green;
NO HANDICAP REQUIRED!**



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August 2019 Events Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| <p>Last bucket of range balls is sold at 5:30 PM on Sundays.</p> <p>Members & their Accompanied Guests will be required to ride a cart before 11:00 AM on weekends & holidays.</p> <p>Non-Accompanied Guests are required to ride a cart until 2:00 PM on weekends & holidays all year round.</p> <p>Monday Tee Times will begin at 11:00 AM for greens maintenance.</p> | | | | <p>1 WildOats 8:30 AM SG</p> <p>Wild Working Women 5:00 TT</p> | <p>2 Gaggle 10:00 AM TT</p> <p>Ryder Cup Pairings Social 6:00 PM</p>  | <p>3 Ryder Cup Red vs. Blue 9:00 AM TT</p> <p>Operation 36 5:30 & 5:40 TT</p> |
| <p>4 Ryder Cup Red vs. Blue 9:00 AM TT</p> <p>Operation 36 5:10 - 5:40 TT</p> | <p>5 First TT 11:00 AM</p> <p>WildOats 12:00 TT</p> <p>Cardinal Gibbons 4:10 TT</p> <p>Men's Golf Association 5:30 TT</p> | <p>6 WildOats/Wildflowers 8:30 AM SG</p> <p>Sanderson 11:00 TT</p> <p>Panther Creek 2:00 TT</p> <p>Cardinal Gibbons 3:50 TT</p> <p>Greg's League 4:20 TT</p> | <p>7 Gaggle 10:00 AM TT</p> <p>Sanderson 11:00 TT</p> <p>Panther Creek 2:00 TT</p> <p>Cardinal Gibbons - 3:50 TT</p> | <p>8 WildOats 8:30 AM SG</p> <p>Ravenscroft 3:00 TT</p> <p>Wild Working Women 5:00 TT</p> | <p>9 Gaggle 10:00 AM TT</p> | <p>10 Skins Day - All Day TT</p>  |
| <p>11 Couples Golf 5:00 PM SG</p>  | <p>12 First TT 11:00 AM</p> <p>WildOats 12:00 TT</p> <p>Men's Golf Association 5:30 TT</p> | <p>13 WildOats/Wildflowers 8:30 AM SG</p> <p>Cardinal Gibbons 3:50 TT</p> <p>Greg's League 4:20 TT</p> | <p>14 Gaggle 10:00 AM TT</p> | <p>15 WildOats 8:30 AM SG</p> <p>Ravenscroft 3:00 TT</p> <p>Wild Working Women 5:00 TT</p> | <p>16 Gaggle 10:00 AM TT</p> | <p>17 Hi-Wire Putt for Cash 5:30 - 7:30 PM</p>  |
| <p>18 Half Price Guest Day</p>  | <p>19 First TT 11:00 AM</p> <p>WildOats 12:00 TT</p> <p>Men's Golf Association 5:30 TT</p> | <p>20 WildOats/Wildflowers 8:30 AM SG</p> <p>Cardinal Gibbons 3:50 TT</p> <p>Greg's League 4:20 TT</p> | <p>21 Gaggle 10:00 AM TT</p> <p>Cardinal Gibbons 3:50 TT</p> | <p>22 WildOats 8:30 AM SG</p> <p>Cardinal Gibbons 2:00 TT</p> <p>Wild Working Women 5:00 TT</p> | <p>23 Gaggle 10:00 AM TT</p> | <p>24 Club Championship 8:00 AM Double Tee Start</p>  |
| <p>25 Club Championship 8:00 AM Double Tee Start</p>  | <p>26 First TT 11:00 AM</p> <p>WildOats 12:00 PM TT</p> <p>Men's Golf Association 5:30 TT</p> | <p>27 WildOats/Wildflowers 8:30 AM SG</p> <p>Cardinal Gibbons 3:50 TT</p> <p>Greg's League 4:20 TT</p> | <p>28 Gaggle 10:00 AM TT</p> <p>Cardinal Gibbons 3:50 TT</p> | <p>29 WildOats 8:30 AM SG</p> <p>Ravenscroft 4:20 TT</p> <p>Wild Working Women 5:00 TT</p> | <p>30 Gaggle 10:00 AM TT</p> | <p>31</p> |