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"Carolinas Golf Group Facility"

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Facility Update

Members,

This is an unprecedented time we are living in right now and it is very sad to see as much damage as the Coronavirus has caused. At this point a few months ago North Carolina was in a great position as we were one of ten states with the lowest rate of disease. Unfortunately, that trend has not continued in the **right direction.** Record high hospitalizations and diagnoses were set during the month of July in our state. Several businesses around us have been hit with positive tests which is scary to see the virus continue to pop up and hit so close to home.

With this said, we have decided to adjust our operation once again. Although we have had success with our operational cleaning and sanitizing procedures, we have made a tough decision to close the golf shop and locker room access to anyone other than employees. This decision was made out of an abundance of caution as we continue to do everything that we can to flatten the curve of this deadly disease.

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Facility Update Continued

We will remove the inside dining tables and chairs from Champions Grille Sunday evening and block off access through the walk-through area of the clubhouse beginning Monday morning. Outside seating on the back patio will remain open and you can still access the grille bathrooms through the back patio door. We have added 2 floor fans to the back patio, not in an effort to promote socializing, but to help keep you cool during this warm summer. You can also utilize the pavilion at this time for some shade after your round.

We continue to ask that you call in all orders to help limit your time inside of Champions Grille. Please limit your interactions with others and remember to keep at least 6 feet of distance between you and others at all times.

Please know that this decision wasn't made lightly. We are doing everything we can to remain open and healthy and give you a much needed outlet away from home!



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Board of Advisors:

Bob Hounsell
Dale Denny
Lennie Barton
Carol Smith
Bryan Copeland
Jim Davis
Carolyn Lyman

Co-Chairman:

Jeff Hall Denice Short

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

Hello members,

I hope you have noticed everything going on at the club! There have been many golf course improvements including sod, tree removal, new steps at tee boxes, new penalty and out of bounds marking (the CGA/USGA recommended changing the OB to Penalty area along the right side of #5 & #6). The wooded area between holes 5/6/13 has been cleaned up and mulch will be installed. Daylilies have been planted at various areas on the course and grounds. Lots of course and grounds improvements.

A few golf tournaments are starting, so please enter and enjoy all of them.

Thanks to the staff for the efforts to continue improvements! Thank you for being a member and don't forget 2021 prepayments can be made in August! Save money!

-Roger Watson



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Dear Members,

We have continued to provide you a great outlet away from home, at least for a few hours each day. I appreciate you bearing with us regarding

the cart situation. Know that we are working overtime to provide sanitized carts and we are turning them from the course as quickly as we can. I appreciate you returning your carts as quickly after your round as you can. This helps us get them ready for the next tee time. If you are in a position where you can not immediately have a cart, try one of the following:

- 1. Put your bag onto a cart and alternate with the other person walking one hole and riding one hole.
- If you must ride with another person from outside of your household, wear a mask while riding in the cart. You can remove this once social distancing can occur again.
- Start your round walking and inform the golf shop. We will be happy to bring you one on the course as soon as they are available.

I look forward to seeing you around the club soon!

Upcoming Events

Club Championship1st & 2nd
Parent-Child Event9 th
CGA Hosted One Day Event15 th
Couples Golf16 th
35 & Young Night21st
One Day Member-Guest22nd
Skins Day23 rd
Guest Day29 th

Thank you to the 93 participants in the 2020 **Club Championship! It was** great to see such a large turnout for this event!



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Rick Durham - Superintendent

As July comes to an end we are in great shape to end the summer and enter the fall. Greens have responded to the aggressive verticut at the beginning of the month. With the rains that came

late spring and early summer greens were beginning to develop a little more thatch than we would prefer. To help remove the thatch mowing heights were lowered. Lowering the heights resulted in some severe scalping and unsightly greens. This was done intentionally and we are now beginning to see the benefits. Weekly topdressings also help control thatch and will continue thru the end of the growing season. This season has been a little unusual and is turning out to be one of the hottest on record. Irrigation upgrades are showing positive results and more are planned this fall and winter. Other areas that we are focusing on include landscaping, tree removal, and cart paths.

I would like to thank all of you for your comments and suggestions and as always I can be reached at rdurham@wildwoodgreen.com



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Golf Cart Traffic on the Golf Course

We are asking you to honor the 90 degree rule and carts on path on all par 3s. If you violate the cart rules you will lose the privilege to rent a cart!

Many players have decided to violate the cart rules such as driving over and past railroad ties, cutting to the right of the path on #11, driving to the right of the tees on #12 and, in general, just ignoring the cart rules.

If your cart is seen violating the rules ONCE you will be placed on the watch list. The SECOND violation will result in a suspension of your privilege to rent a cart for 30 days.

We have invested over \$1,000,000 in course improvements over the last 3 years and we are not going to allow you to continue to disrespect the hard work, investment, and improvements we have made

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.



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Dan Alton - Head Teaching Professional

We are seeing a lot of great golf, take a look!

John Sullivan – Shot Lowest Round Ever 74 – In competition with the WildOats Sonny Miller – Shot Lowest Round Ever 76 – In the Herman Group, Breaking 80 for the first time!

Jon Davison – Shot Lowest Round Ever 74 – In competition with the Gaggle Matt Koliopolous – Shot Lowest Round Ever 77, 77, 78 – Broke 80 for the first time!

You can now BOOK ONLINE!!! Head to www.danaltongolf.com & pick your time slot!





"By making a couple simple changes, we can hit the ball better, farther, & closer to the hole. You'll improve your impact in the first lesson or the lesson is on us - Guaranteed."







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The Golf Academy
Update



The summer is flying by and the fall semester of our Operation 36 Adult and Junior Development Program will begin the week of August 31. Go to our Academy web page, raleighgolflessons.com, navigate to the Programs/Junior Programs page to get the information you need to know to join this program. The fall 9 week program includes 9 weekly classes, 6 on course challenge events, a supervised practice option with 6 meetings and options for private coaching between classes. Become a golfer when you join Operation 36. Questions may be answered by calling or contacting Jimmy Hamilton, PGA Director of Instruction for The Golf Academy at Wildwood Green, at hamgolf4u@gmail.com or 919-906-1290. Coach Jimmy Hamilton and Coach Jeff Glatfelter are looking forward to having you join the fun!

Coach Ronnie Reitz, PGA and past recipient of the Carolinas PGA Teacher of the Year Award, is available most afternoons for a quick 15 minute swing check on the range as well as a special \$40 half hour lesson. Contact Ronnie at 919-696-8063 for an appointment.

Coach Jeff Glatfelter has Adult or Family group lessons forming for fall. Contact Jeff directly at 717-683-9196 for more information.

Our adult and junior players are continuing to improve and have more fun playing golf. Contact us and let us help you join the fun.



Voted One of The BEST Teachers In Our State

Jimmy Hamilton was recently voted one of the best teachers in our state through Golf Digest's annual ranking. Number 8 to be exact. What a fabulous honor to be among the best! We are so very excited for Jimmy and also his leadership of the absolute best golf academy in our area.

Wildwood Green: Where champions play Where champions teach!

Please congratulate Jimmy as you see him around the club.



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As golfers, we complain about the course. Miss a putt and we instinctively touch the green, tamping down a raised ball mark that only our eye can see. Hit it wide off the fairway and we're likely to comment on the consistency of the rough. Patchy. Burned out. Trampled down. Even if we get to play a U.S. Open-level course like Winged Foot, where the rough is thick and pristine, we're likely to complain that it's too thick! And then there are bunkers, where golfers are apt to note that the sand is different from hole to hole. Send it flying over the green? Not a bad swing —

no sand in the bunker!





But what would it cost to maintain the course where all of our attributes as a golfer would shine? Alas, this isn't a column about fantasy but about money and golf. The cost to achieve the condition players expect — or will tolerate — ranges from about \$500,000 a year for a daily-fee course to \$1,000,000 a year for a private club, estimates Bob Randquist, chief operating officer of the Golf Course Superintendent's Association of America. But of course, it's also about location, location, location. Hawaii is, on average, the most expensive state in which to maintain a course, at \$1.44 million a year. That's followed by tracks in the southwestern U.S., where the average yearly maintenance cost is \$1.05 million. Because they have such a short season, courses in the north central states come in, on average, at a bargain \$556,000.



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Wherever it is you play, the labor to maintain a loop represents 50 to 60 percent of the total cost.

"Where are there savings to be had? That's a question owners ask all the time," says a weary Bryan Bielecki, vice president of agronomy at Billy Casper Golf, which manages nearly 150 golf courses in the U.S. "You can't spend less and expect the same exact product. You have to sacrifice









If costs, inevitably, are going to run so high, where is the money best spent? The greens. They are the most essential element of any course, but because of labor and equipment they are also the most expensive things to maintain - even if some of our demands are a costly waste. Firm and fast is the golf standard for greens. That's achieved by mowing, rolling and hand-watering the greens to prevent them from burning out. It's time-consuming and pricey.

Yet every foot of green speed on a stimpmeter slows play by seven minutes per group, says Adam Moeller, the director of the USGA's greens section education committee. In other words, if your club has a mantra of playing a round in under four hours and 15 minutes, it might consider easing off the green speeds — and saving some money.



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Lest this seem pedestrian, Moeller says that even the USGA slows its roll at championship venues. "Because of pace-of-play issues we have at our championships, we'll sometimes slow the greens down," he says. "We have so many golfers to get through, and we want to use challenging hole locations."

Determining how often to cut the rough is, obviously, an important calculation when it comes to cost, but so too is how high you let it grow. The consensus is that any time the rough is thick and cut higher than three inches, play slows down. That hurts the bottom line.

How do private clubs, which carry a bigger tab, spend their money differently? More people and equipment. They might, for example, hire a horticulturist to handle the landscaping or a fleet of grounds-crew workers whose lone job is to fill fairway divots. Grooming the course of your dreams? That's a dream-team scenario.



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Though it's a public course, Pebble Beach is given the white-glove treatment, and it needs it. Typically, 60,000 rounds are played on it annually, in addition to three pro tournaments: the AT&T, the TaylorMade Pebble Beach Invitational and the PURE Insurance Championship. "It doesn't slow down," says Chris Dalhamer, the director of golf course maintenance at Pebble Beach. "Our biggest event is in February, which is one of our wettest months of the year. We have a staff that knows how to react in any situation."



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In preparation for last year's United States Open, the fourth big event competed at Pebble in 2019, Dalhamer increased the grounds staff by six, for a total crew of 34. During tournament week he had added even more help - nearly 100 assistants and superintendents from top courses around the country.

"It makes it pretty neat to have these guys come in and assist us in whatever we want," he says.

"If it gets sunny and hot, we can send guys out on hoses."





For clubs that don't host U.S. Opens — and don't charge \$575 a round — there are ways to get by with less. Let the fairways grow and the ball roll slow! You may get to the 19th hole faster, too.

Article by Paull Sullivan Golf.com contributor



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Wildwood Green is looking for a Handicap Committee for 2020

We are still looking for 2-3 people for our handicap committee. We have 2 people committed so far!

Dave Vilushis and Barry Johnson.

Thank you for donating your time!

An ideal handicap chair is a dedicated volunteer looking to pass on their knowledge to others and ensure that everyone's handicap index represents their true potential ability.



The Volunteer Handicap Committee will work with the golf shop professionals in adjusting scores, posting scores and making sure the player's handicap index is current for tournaments.

If you are interested in being involved with the handicap committee contact Jeff in the golf shop. 919-846-8376 ext. 2



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Member Accomplishments

On June 28th Martin Mulholland eagled hole #9 using his 9 iron from 136 yards! This was Martin's first eagle on a par 4 in at least 30 years and the longest shot he has ever holed out.

❖When playing in the Gaggle on July 3rd, Warren Mills shot his age 72! This was Warren's best round at Wildwood ever!

On July 18th Denice Short aced hole #12 using her A-Wedge! The hole was playing 77 yards.









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Member Accomplishments

Jack Ratz Junior Memorial Tournament

- \div Chase Nieshalla finished 2^{nd} in the tournament! Chase shot a 70.
- **❖** Katherine Brictson finished 2nd with a 83 in the girls 14-15 flight.
 - **❖ Honorable mentions: Davis Flynn T9 boys12-13,**

Andrew Jernigan – 10th boys 14-15,

Jackson Kilman – 19th boys 16-18,

Ben Wilborn - T26 boys 16-18







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!



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WWG Interclub Season Update

After a 2 month delay due to the COVID situation, the WWG interclub teams have been very active. Team 1, captained by Carl Hiller, got off to a slow start against Falls Village Blue, but then won their next four matches against Riverwood, Lochmere 1, Falls Village Blue and Riverwood. The team has accumulated 216.0 points and has one of the top rankings in the league. Team #2, captained by Mark Nordin, also lost their first match against Falls Village Green, but then swept the next three matches against Lochmere 2, Eagle Ridge, and Falls Village Green. They have accumulated 164.5 points. Both teams are playoff eligible.

The two senior interclub teams (age 55 and over) are also doing very well. Senior Team 1, captained by Trent Rhyne, has won both of its away matches against Riverwood and Lochmere. They have accumulated 86.5 points. Senior Team 2, captained by Tony Herring, dominated their initial match against Devils Ridge, but then dropped the next two matches against The Preserve and The Neuse. The match against The Neuse was lost by a single point. However, it was highlighted by Dee Blankenhorn making a hole in one. Last week Senior Team 2 won at Devil's Ridge to bring their overall record to 2 - 2 with a total of 165.5 points.

The interclub season will end in September. Hopefully all four teams will be headed for the playoffs.



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WWG Interclub Season Update

The senior interclub team 1 was maintaining its social distancing at Lochmere on July 2nd.



Pictured above from left to right are Donnie Knell, Rick Beebe, Lennie Barton, Dave Hart, Ed Bitz, Alan Lee and Den Leisten.



Acers Club at Wildwood Green







On April 17th, Bill Hanks shot a Hole-In-One on #17 and won the Acer's pot!

With the pot now cleared, everyone must re-enter for their chance to win. 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 call or 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 attested by your playing partner.

Call the golfshop at (919) 846-8376 ext 2 with any questions!



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Hours of Operation

Day of the Week

Golf Shop Hours First Tee Time

Last Range Bucket Sold

Monday

10:30 AM - 7:30 PM

11:00 AM

7:00 PM

Tuesday - Sunday

6:30 AM - 7:30 PM

7:00 AM

Tues - Sat 7:00 PM Sun - 5:00 PM

Champions Grille Hours: Monday: 10:30 AM - 7:00 PM Tuesday - Sunday: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM



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Monday Morning Maintenance



We have begun our weekly top-dressing program which takes place each Monday during the growing season. Top-dressing is an important maintenance program that lays sand across the green and then that sand is worked into the grass to create a smooth and firm putting surface.

During this maintenance period our first tee time on Mondays will be 11:00 AM.

The golf shop and driving range will open at 10:30 AM



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2020 Men's Golf Association League

August Dates: August 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

The Men's Golf Association League kicked off Monday, June 29th at 5:30 PM. The league is open to male members of the club with an established GHIN handicap. Signups will need to be made weekly and by 2:00 PM the day prior to play. At 2:00 PM each Sunday we will cut off signups and create the pairings for the next evening.

Different formats will be played each week and the pairings will be made by the golf shop. Throughout the season you will earn points based on your finishes and at the end of the year the points winner will earn a \$25 gift card to Wildwood Green.

\$10 Weekly Entry Will Include:

\$5.00 gross & net skins game competition Closest to the pin competition (prizes vary) A chance to win cash skins at the year end event A chance to meet other male members of the club \$2.00 domestic beer special ran for event participants



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2020 Club Championship

Saturday & Sunday - August 1st & 2nd; 8:00 am Double Tee Start

Open to ALL members of Wildwood Green!







Format: Individual Gross Stroke Play

Entry: \$25.00 per member plus applicable cart fees

 $There is {\it no additional green feer equired for this event for weekday or pm members.}$

Entry includes: Range balls before play, gift certificates to the winners, and a boxed lunch served on Sunday.

Call the Golf Shop to sign up: (919) 846-8376 ext 2

RSVP by Tuesday, July 28th



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2020 Club Championship

Register by calling 919-846-8376 extension 2

The Club Championship is open to all members of Wildwood Green. We have several divisions to play in:

Men's Overall Champion — Play comes from blue tees Men's Flight Champions — Play Comes from white tees Women's Overall Champion — Play comes from red tees Senior (60+) Overall Champion — Play comes from gold tees Super Senior (75+) Overall Champion — Play comes from green tees

The Club Championship will be flighted by age and then by "handicap" e.g. what scores you shoot. You may opt into playing a higher flight if you would like (example: a Super Senior wants to play in the Senior division).

We also have a net division that will use a handicap however, players in this flight MUST have a GHIN handicap.



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Parent - Child Event

Sunday, August 9th 5:00 pm shotgun start, dinner served after play



Format: Net Captain's Choice for 9 holes

Entry: \$15.00 per member plus applicable cart fees \$25.00 per weekday or accompanied guest plus applicable cart fees

Entry includes: Range balls before play, gift certificates to the winners, oncourse contests, food served after play.

Call the Golf Shop at (919) 846-8376 ext 2 by Friday, July 24th to sign up.



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Couples Golf

Sunday, August 16th 5:00 PM shotgun start, dinner served after play



Format: 9 Holes, Net Captain's Choice (10% of the team's handicap will be subtracted from the team's total score)

Entry fee: \$30 per member couple + cart fees, walking permitted \$50 per weekday member couple + cart fees, walking permitted \$80 per accompanied guest couple including cart fees

Entry Fee Includes: Range balls before play, on-course contests, gift cards to the winners, and dinner after play.

SIGN UP WITH THE GOLF SHOP BY CALLING 919-846-8376 Deadline to sign up is Friday, August 14th



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35 Years and Younger League Night

Friday, August 21st - Tee times start at 5:30pm





The 35 and younger league night is designed to get people 35 years and younger to meet and play 9 holes of golf once per month. The format will vary from month to month.

The entry fee is \$5.00 and includes closest to the pin challenges and one (1) draft beer.

Call the Golf Shop to sign up at (919) 846-8376 ext 2.



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One Day Member-Guest Saturday, August 22st – Tee times start at 9:00 am



Format:

Two Player Teams, Best Ball Net. Gross payout will be based on size of the field.

Entry:

\$15 per member with weekend morning privileges

\$25 per weekday, pm, or junior member

Entry fee does not include cart fee, walking allowed.

\$50.00 per guest, includes cart

Entry includes range balls before play, oncourse contests, and gift cards to winning teams.

Deadline to sign up is end of day on Thursday, August 20th



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Skins Day at Wildwood Green



Cost: \$20 (\$10 to gross and \$10 to net). A GHIN handicap is required and you must enter before you tee off for your round.



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Guest Day

Saturday, August 29th - All Day Tee Times

Bring up to 3 accompanied guests or sponsor a foursome if you can't play. All accompanied or sponsored guests may play 18 holes including a cart for \$35.00 per person. Fee includes range balls before play!





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. Call the Golf Shop at (919) 846 – 8376 ext 2 to book your tee time.



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Clubster - Your Member's Only Communication Tool





Clubster is a great tool that we use on a daily basis to inform you of food specials, events & results, happenings around the club, and much more!

Your email address should already be associated with Clubster however, if you do not receive emails through this communication tool, email info@wildwoodgreen.com and we will be sure to set you up. You can also download the app through your smart phone's market place.



August 2020 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Until</u>	Club Championship 8:00 AM Double Tee Start					
Non-accompanied	Operation 36 TT 4:50-5:50 PM					
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				Senior Interclub #2 11:00 AM TT		
Operation 36 TT 4:50-5:50 PM	MGA – 5:30 PM TT	Greg's League – 4:40 PM TT	Spark League 5:30 PM TT	Wild Working Women 5:00 PM TT		Operation 36 TT 4:50-5:50 PM
9 Regular Interclub #2 10:00 AM TT	WildOats 12:00 PM TT	Wildflowers/WildOats 8:30 AM TT	Gaggle 9:00 AM TT	WildOats 8:30 AM TT	Gaggle 9:00 AM TT	15 CGA Hosted One Day Event 8:00 AM TT
Parent Child – 5:00 PM Shotgun				Senior Interclub #1 10:00 AM TT		
TT 5:20 PM and after start on #10	MGA – 5:30 PM TT	Greg's League – 4:40 PM TT	Spark League 5:30 PM TT	Wild Working Women 5:00 PM TT		
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