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Board of Advisors: Bob Hounsell Dale Denny Lennie Barton Carol Smith Bryan Copeland Jim Davis Carolyn Lyman

> <u>Co-Chairman:</u> Jeff Hall Denice Short

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

October Couples Golf!



Sunday, October 18th – 4:00 PM shotgun start Sign up by calling the golf shop at 919-846-8376!



<u>Update from the Owner</u>

We have completed three years of our five-year improvement plan at Wildwood Green Golf Club. Here is a summary of improvements and what we plan to complete in early 2021.

• **GREEN COMPLEXES:** We formulated a plan to convert our Bentgrass greens to Bermuda. All of the golf course green complexes, chipping green, pitching green, and the nursery green have been converted to Champion Ultra Dwarf Bermuda. A new practice putting green was constructed and opened at the driving range.

• TEE BOXES: Our plan to improve the tee boxes by adding sod and removing trees that shade the tees and hinder Bermuda grass growth has gone well. Over the last three growing seasons, we have sodded more than 15 tee boxes and removed more than 150 trees. We will continue this project until all tees are considered "outstanding" like the greens. We have installed some artificial turf on the forward tee of hole #12 as well as the range tee. We have installed new steps at tees #8, #13, #14 and repaired the steps to #9 tee, plus replaced the steps at #4 green. This summer we held a divot filling day and hired a person to fill the par 3 tees and range tee divots. We could use a bit more help from the members please!



<u>Update from the Owner</u>

• FAIRWAYS AND ROUGH: The plan on improving the fairways and rough areas to make thicker and fuller grass (as well as filling in some thin areas) is going well. Rick and his staff have prepared and installed several truckloads of sod throughout the course. In shady areas, a cool climate fescue grass has been seeded to help cover and beautify those ugly areas. We have replaced drainage in #5 fairway and installed a new pipe and rip rap at #2 creek.

• **IRRIGATION:** We have upgraded to fully automated irrigation for all tee boxes and green complexes including the range tee and practice greens. The fairway on holes #1, #2, #3, #7, #8, #9, and #13 have been converted to fully automated irrigation and we have plans on completing several other holes this winter and next spring. Par 3 fairways are not included in this plan, just the tee boxes and green complexes on those four holes. Rick also plans on adding irrigation heads to the area between #13 and #14 to improve possibility of establishing better playing conditions between those two holes.









<u>Update from the Owner</u>

• **BUNKERS:** Our plan is to improve bunkers after we finish the other areas of the course. We are also studying a new bunker installation called Capillary Concrete. Until we start the installation, we plan on adding sand as needed to the existing bunkers. We have decided not to place rakes out during COVID-19 to reduce touch points, so please level your tracks and impact area with your shoe and club to help other golfers.

• LAKES AND PONDS: We have contracted with a company to treat all the lakes to improve the look and water quality. Sometimes when you are around the #5 green and #6 tee, there is an unpleasant odor present. Please remember there is a sewer treatment area located below the #5 pond. The treatment area does not belong to us and is owned by Aqua of North Carolina. Over the winter we have engaged a contractor to clean the pond on #5. Personally, I cannot wait to get these completed! We have an area to clean near the forward tee on #12 and hopefully it can be used to add a tee box portion located to the left rear of the forward tee and more in toward the lake so growing the grass could improve. Pray that the geese will not return after seeing the swans, coyotes and the remote boat. PLEASE DON'T FEED THE GEESE! Our fountains should begin to operate better as we clean up the lakes. I intend to ask Rick if we can apply to purchase grass and mud eating Carp which will help the look as well.

The increased edging around the water has been contracted out to a landscaping company and we plan to continue the arrangement during the growing season.



<u>Update from the Owner</u>

• **CART PATHS AND PARKING LOT:** We completed repaving a section of the cart path beginning at the halfway house restrooms past #6 and continuing through #7 and past the tees on #8 before the weather stopped us. The contractor will be back before October 15th and stay until this phase of cart path improvements are completed. They will also complete the paving and lining of the parking lot. There will be some added asphalt in areas where golfers have made their own paths and should improve the look. Cart path crossing pipes have been replaced at #2, #4, and #9. We also replaced the drainage pipe in the parking lot.

After the next phase of cart path work is completed we ask that those of you who have a handicap sticker and license come by the golf shop and we will make sure you get equipped with a flag on a permanent basis. You are required to keep your carts out of obvious seeded and sodded areas and 30 feet away from the greens with all tires on cart paths when applicable, even when parked on paths.







<u>Update from the Owner</u>

•LANDSCAPING: I have already mentioned the many areas that are being seeded with fescue. We have planted more than 1,000 daylilies on the clubhouse grounds and course and more than 45 camellias and numerous Encore Azaleas which bloom twice per year. We added plants and flowers around the range, pavilion and clubhouse as well. During the next 90 days we will be moving the azaleas from the right side of #12 to other areas on property and planting some camellias and wispy fescue along that entire bank on hole #12. We will also plant some dogwoods and fescue to the right of hole #2 (in the area where the homeowner mistakenly removed trees from golf course property), along the right side of the bunkers on #9, and around the #16 green and #17 tee areas.

PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE YOUR CART IN THESE AREAS, ESPECIALLY BEHIND #8 GREEN! Some of these areas along the walkway in front of the clubhouse will also be renovated.



<u>Update from the Owner</u>

• CLUBHOUSE: We have painted all the downstairs except the golf shop which is scheduled for a renovation during the 1st Quarter of 2021. The lady's locker room lounge has been painted and new furnishings have been added. The men's locker room has been remodeled and the card room has been converted to a storage room. The upstairs apartment has been converted to a physical therapy office. The upstairs conference room has been painted. All downstairs carpet has been replaced along with some doors and windows being replaced. We are making various repairs and painting the outside of the clubhouse. The snack bar has been converted to the Champions Grille and the tables and chairs have been updated. All kitchen equipment has been upgraded. All HVAC equipment has been upgraded. We plan to change our point of sale system during January 2021. We added Clubster and digital marketing to better communicate with our members. We have initiated communication regarding available tee times.

• CLUBHOUSE PATIO AND PAVILLION: We are currently working on proposals to add an awning to the patio and enclosing the pavilion. We are replacing the two bag racks outside of the clubhouse.



<u>Update from the Owner</u>

• **GENERAL ITEMS ON THE COURSE:** A few benches have been added on the course and at the driving range thanks to your 50/50 funds. We have also installed two ice water machines. One machine was installed at the on-course restrooms and one in Champions Grille. All of the current water cooler stands have been removed from the course and we will install double water cooler stands at hole #4 tee and hole #16 tee. You will be able to obtain water before you start play, at #4 tee, at #6 tee, at the turn, at #13 tee, at #16 tee, and when you finish playing. In total 6 times start to finish. We furnish the supplies so please do not fill your personal coolers...use a clean cup!

• EQUIPMENT: During the last three years we have replaced almost 100% of the golf course maintenance equipment and added several new pieces of equipment to better maintain your playing conditions. We purchased two golf scooters and leased 66 new state of the art lithium battery golf carts, replaced the range cart and leased a new beverage cart. • OUTSIDE BUILDINGS OTHER THAN THE CLUBHOUSE: We have replaced the roof on the range building and on-course restroom building, repaired the golf cart and maintenance building roof, leased a container to store and protect our greens covers, purchased another maintenance truck, and two additional vehicles.



<u>Update from the Owner</u>

• **TEACHING AND CLUB FITTING:** Wildwood Green Golf Club has the most wellrounded instructional programming in Raleigh with Dan Alton Golf Instruction and The Golf Academy at Wildwood Green. Dan Alton Golf Instruction has led the Triangle in oneon-one private golf instruction since 2015 with dual 5-star ratings from Google Reviews and Lessons.com with the latter awarding D.A.G.I Top 10 Teacher in the Triangle in 2018. D.A.G.I. offers bilingual instruction to Spanish, Mandarin, and English speaking students of all skill levels.

The Golf Academy at Wildwood Green is led by Jimmy Hamilton, recognized by Golf Digest Best Teachers in State List '03-'06 and 2019. They have the widest variety of adult group classes, junior clinics, and junior leagues for any size, age, or skill level. The Golf Academy at Wildwood Green is the premier place to learn golf as a junior through the Operation 36 Program. The Golf Academy puts an average of 120+ kids through the program per year. They offer both PGA and LPGA golf instruction to all skill levels. Jointly in the near future, Wildwood Green staff, Dan, and the Academy staff will be introducing club fitting. The lesson tee is scheduled for renovations to enlarge that area and landscape in the spring of 2021.





Dear Members,



We are approaching my favorite time of the year! The course is in great shape, the colors of fall are beginning to show, and we have

several events planned in October to cap a great year of golf. We are set to host (among other things) our Fall Member-Member (which is already filling up fast), a Champion's Club only event and our last Couples Event of the year. Dan and Zach will be coordinating the golf tournaments and Sunshine has a delicious food menu planned for these events. Sign up early!

I hope each of you have gotten more familiar with the new employees here. They are doing a great job for us! Sunshine is managing our food & beverage in Champions Grille, Zach is overseeing events and membership, Nathan is handling the golf shop merchandise, and Tommy is keeping your carts clean and range balls picked! You will get more familiar with everyone over the next several months. We hope this virus goes away sooner rather than later and we can get back to normal around here!

I look forward to seeing you around the club soon!







<u>Rick Durham – Superintendent</u>

2020 has been one of our wetter years. Some of our rain events have been large amounts of rain in a short period of time. Areas of erosion are becoming an issue which we are in the process of

correcting. The fescue that has been planted is not only aesthetically pleasing but also serves as a barrier to many of the problem areas. Several ditches will be cleaned out and rip rap will be added to aide in the erosion prevention. Number five pond has taken the most damage over the years and will be dredged soon.

Cart paths are also on the agenda for October. There are plans to repave a significant amount this fall, and I know we are all excited about this! While the paths are being contracted out our maintenance team will start back on the automation of irrigation project. There are two holes remaining on the front nine to wire and after completed, that side will be complete. There are several holes on the back nine that already had new heads added and we have a few more to add over the next several weeks. Our goal is to have the entire course automated by spring.

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





Zach Hepp — First Assistant Professional

With the weather getting a little cooler, we are entering into the best time of year to play some golf! Get your practice in now so that your game is in top shape for the coming cold months. We

have several new and exciting improvements planned for both the course and our golf shop so stay tuned to our daily E-Blasts and monthly Newsletters!

Here is what we have scheduled for the month of October so far:

10th – Guest Day (\$35 per guest!) 17th – Champion Club Event (9am Shotgun) 18th – Couples Golf (4pm Shotgun) 24th-25th – Fall Member-Member 30th – Skins Day

If you need to get in touch, do not hesitate to reach out to me at: zach@wildwoodgreen.com. I look forward to seeing everyone around the Club!

Zach Hepp

Dan Alton - Head Teaching Professional

We are seeing a lot of great golf, take a look! Jen Hall – Shot Lowest Round Ever 82 & Made a Hole-In-One! Andy Waldron – Shot Lowest Round Ever 74 – In competition with the Bitz Group Jon Davison – Shot Lowest Round Ever 74 – In competition with the Gaggle Greg Mossinghoff – Shot Lowest Round Ever 70 – In competition in an Interclub Match

You can now **BOOK ONLINE!** Pick your day/time right at your finger tips! Just visit <u>www.danaltongolf.com</u> & click the Book A Lesson Tab

A Special note – Thank you All who participated in the Over/Under 60 Event – It was a lot of fun to watch all of the fun & great golf being played!





"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."





Nathan Feibes – Golf Shop Manager

We are happy to announce we are now allowing entry to our golf shop (with a face covering) in order to come check

out our new gear! Among our new arrivals are:

- Adidas Logo Hats
- Titleist NC/Logo Hats
- PING, Odyssey & TaylorMade putters
- PING & Titleist bags
- Regular flex sets of PING & Titleist Irons
- PING woods
- Perfect Practice Putting Mats
- And More!





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Tommy Himebaugh — Operations Manager

October is the beginning of our Fall season we have a number of changes are happening outside at the course. Phase 3 has

started within the City of Raleigh and golfers are back to being allowed to ride 2 persons per cart.

We have adjusted our Driving Range hours and we be selling our last buckets of the evening at 6:00 pm except for Sundays, which will remain at 5:00 pm. For the remainder of the season we will be hitting off of the mats on the range. As a reminder, drivers and fairway woods are allowed in the first 4 stations closest to the clubhouse only. To date, we have lost a large number of range balls over the net and in our practice areas. Please keep all Range Balls in the range area only and off of the practice greens and surrounding areas.

We are continually working ensure our quality of services at Wildwood are always the best available, please email me at <u>Tommy@wildwoodgreen.com</u> with any ideas to help serve you better!



<u>Golf Cart Traffic on the Golf Course</u>

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.







The Golf Academy at Wildwood Green

The year of 2020 has been extraordinary in many ways and particularly so with our Academy. We have brought over 250 juniors to our Operation 36 Junior Golf Development Program this year. We have added 36 adults to the program and associated

beginner programs. Hundreds more have been working on their games with our staff of experienced PGA Teaching Professionals. Golf has certainly flourished during the Covid-19 pandemic and with the great safety steps taken by the staff at Wildwood Green, many, many people have been able to enjoy the great game of golf experience at Wildwood Green Golf Club and The Golf academy at Wildwood Green. Golf Digest #8 in North Carolina teaching professional Jimmy Hamilton, has been nominated by the Carolinas PGA for the Teacher of the Year award and the Player Development and Junior Player Development award for 2020. Now is the time to be thinking and acting on your goals for your golf game in 2021 and beyond. Each of our PGA Professionals has over 25 years experience in teaching and coaching. Let Jimmy or any of our great staff help you on your path to more fun and enjoyable golf by booking a series of lessons that will enable you to change some old habits and implement improvements to your approach to your game.



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The Golf Academy at Wildwood Green (continued)

Our very popular Holiday Season Gift Certificate specials are coming back November 15 to December 31. These specials are noted on our Academy web page at raleighgolflessons.com, navigate to the Gift Certificate page, contact your favorite Academy Professional and be ready to give the gift of FUN golf to a friend or family or to yourself for 2021.



Jimmy Hamilton





Greg Greksa

Jeff Glatfelter



TherExcel Golf Performance & Physical Therapy

WHO: All levels of golfers who are interested in breathing better, feeling better, and playing better (both on and off of the course)

WHAT: Eight 60-minute classes designed to increase breathing awareness and endurance, improve spine rotation, and increase swing power and control

WHEN: Tuesdays at 2:30 pm (Beginning October 13th and ending December 1st, 2020)

WHERE: Virtual (online via Zoom) - From the comfort of your own home - all you need is a floor space for your mat/towel, a small space to freely move through your swing, a golf club, and your most important piece of equipment...YOU!!

COST: \$80 for eight 60-minute classes (I can invoice you to your email address and you can pay online)

REGISTER: Email Kjersten Marlow, MPT at kmarlow@ncgolfpt.com and you will be added to the Zoom invite list. You will also be emailed an invoice for the class fee (to be paid online) Did you know that learning to breathe better can improve your endurance, reduce your risk of injury, and help you play better golf?

It's true! When you play golf, your diaphragm (your primary breathing muscle) stabilizes your ribcage and pelvis, and brings in oxygen to fuel your brain and muscles. Learning how to breathe more efficiently when you play golf can directly improve your game.

Join us for our 8-week progressive class to learn simple and effective ways to improve your breathing and play better golf.





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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



Member Accomplishments

* Dave Marshall aced #17 on Tuesday 9/29/20 from the gold tees. The hole was playing 117 yards and he used a pitching wedge. Bill Striegel and Trent Rhyne were playing with him. It was his 3rd career

ace.

Chase Nieshalla had a hole-in-one on Thursday 10/1/20 at #6. He hit a 6 iron from 162 yards!

Denice Short aced #4 on Friday 10/2/20! The hole was playing 104 yards and she hit an 8 iron. The shot was witnessed by Carolyn Lyman and Sara Stuckey! Denice also won a \$100 gift card from the acers pool and cleared the pot!



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Interclub Accomplishments

*All 4 Interclub teams are playoff bound! Give them your congratulations if you see them and wish them luck!

*Mark Nordin and Ray Griffin won the Seniors category of the Doubles Golf Carolina Qualifier! They are heading to Florida to compete for a national championship!

Have an accomplishment to report? Email <u>zach@wildwoodgreen.com</u> and let us know! We will put your accomplishment into next month's newsletter!



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Acers Club at Wildwood Green







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On October 2nd, Denice Short made a Hole-In-One on #4 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 are the first one to 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! 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 golf shop at (919) 846-8376 ext 2 with any questions!

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Start October

6th!



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Hours of Opera

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

Saturday, October 10th – 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.

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Champion Club Event (Only open to Champion Club Members)

Saturday, October 17^{th –} 9:00 AM Shotgun



\$30 per member + applicable cart fee. Walking is allowed!

(No additional green fee charge for weekday or PM members) Format: 4 player team, 2 net Included with your entry is range balls before play, on-course contests, food after play, and gift certificates to the winners.

Register by calling the golf shop at 919-846-8376 extension 2. Deadline to register is Thursday, October 15th by end of day.



Couples Golf Sunday, October 18th



4:00 PM shotgun start, dinner served after play!



SIGN UP WITH THE GOLF SHOP BY CALLING 919-846-8376 Deadline to sign up is Friday, October 16th



2020 Fall Member-Member



Saturday, October 24th – Sunday, October 25th Page 30

First of five 9-hole matches starts with a 9:00AM SG Entry Fee: \$75 entry fee Regular/Executive/Jr. Executive. \$115 for PM members. \$125 for Weekday members Cart fees not included / walking is allowed! Sign Up in the Golf Shop Today!



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Clubster - Your Member's Only Communication Tool



GET IT ON Google Play

Download on the App Store

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.



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October 2020 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
guests can also walk a	inytime. Carts will be given days ahead of time. Get on	guests will be able to walk a out until 7:30 PM on a first our wait list or fill in if you ok 3 days ahead of time.	1 WildOats 8:30 AM TT	2 Gaggle 9:00 AM TT	3 Operation 36 TT 3:30-5:00 PM	
4 Operation 36 3:30 – 5:00 PM TT	5 First Tee Time 11:00 AM WildOats 12:00 PM TT	6 First Tee Time Changes to 8:00 AM Wildflowers/WildOats 9:30 AM SG	7 Gaggle 10:00 AM TT	8 WildOats 9:30 AM SG	9 Gaggle 10:00 AM TT	10 GUEST DAY Operation 36 TT 3:15-4:45 PM
11 MGA Year End Skins Event – 10:00 AM TT Operation 36 3:15 – 4:45 PM TT	12 First Tee Time 11:00 AM WildOats 12:00 PM TT	13 Wildflowers/WildOats 9:30 AM SG	14 Gaggle 10:00 AM TT	15 WildOats Fall Outing 9:30 AM SG	16 Gaggle 10:00 AM TT	17 Champion Club Event 9:00 AM SG Operation 36 TT 3:15-4:45 PM
18 Couples Golf 4:00 PM SG	19 First Tee Time 11:00 AM WildOats 12:00 PM TT	20 Wildflowers/WildOats 9:30 AM SG	21 Gaggle 10:00 AM TT	22 WildOats 9:30 AM SG	23 Gaggle 10:00 AM TT	24 Fall Member-Member 9:00/11:30 AM & 2:00 PM SG
25 Fall Member-Member 9:00/11:30 AM SG	26 First Tee Time 11:00 AM WildOats 12:00 PM TT	27 Wildflowers/WildOats 9:30 AM SG	28 Gaggle 10:00 AM TT	29 WildOats 9:30 AM SG	30 Gaggle 10:00 AM TT	SKINS DAY

CLICK THE CALENDAR FOR A PRINTABLE VERSION!