

WILDWOOD GREEN GOLF CLUB



December 2020 Newsletter

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“Carolinas Golf Group Facility”

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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.

2020 November Member- Member RESULTS

FIRST FLIGHT:

1st Place was too close to call! It was a 3-way tie with a score of 66 between Jeff & Jen Hall, Kevin Bentley & Jim Creagh, and John Petercuskie & Billy Richards

SECOND FLIGHT:

1st Place: Eric & Catrina Vienrich (65)

2nd Place: Matt Koliopoulos & Carlos Santiago (68)

3rd Place: Tied with a score of 70 between Bowen & Laura Ross, and Keith Wilson & Tim Smith.

Closest to the Pin - #12

Alex Nianouris

Great Shot!

THANKS FOR PLAYING!

MATT KOLIPOULOS	FLIGHT 2	CHRIS MOYE	FLIGHT 1
CARLOS SANTIAGO	68	ALEX NIANOURIS	67
ERICK VIENRICH	FLIGHT 2	DEE BLANKENHORN	FLIGHT 1
CATRINA VIENRICH	65	ERIKKA BURACCHIO	68
THERESA WHITEHURST	FLIGHT 2	MICHAEL MORRIS (KOEPKA)	FLIGHT 1
BILL BROOKS	78	GARRET DRUHAN	75
KEITH JURNEY	FLIGHT 2	JEFF HALL	FLIGHT 1
MARTIN MULHOLLAND	74	JEN HALL	66
BOWEN ROSS	FLIGHT 2	DENNIS THOMAS	FLIGHT 1
LAURA ROSS	70	JOHN THOMAS	82
KEITH WILSON	FLIGHT 2	BILLY CLEVINGER	FLIGHT 1
TIM SMITH	70	JON DAVISON	70
JOHN SULLIVAN	FLIGHT 2	KEVIN BENTLEY	FLIGHT 1
KENT WILLIAMS	73	JIM CREAGH	66
RICH BRADLEY	FLIGHT 2	JOHN PETERCUSKIE	FLIGHT 1
JIM WRIGHT	77	BILLY RICHARDS	66



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Update from the Owner

By the time you get this newsletter **you should be enjoying the new cart paths, new awning over the patio, paved parking lot and the golf shop remodeling**, plus the Christmas decorations should be completed. Although our Christmas party will not be held this year, **look for mail from Jeff and the Club**. After paving from # 6 tee to #8 tee earlier this year we were unable to get back to our paving project until November. After paving the parking lot and holes #1, #10, and #16-18 we are now interrupted again by the rain. We expect the contractor to return about December 15. We are excited about all the improvements that have been made over the last three years and look forward to more during 2021 **and some fine tuning in 2022 or before. We appreciate all the new members that have joined during this year** as well as all our special current members. We are hard at work **adding new benefits for the membership** regarding tee times and guest limitations. **Although we have COVID mandates that create delays** and additional cost to complete what we promised, we are moving forward with strong determination. **We are also adding a new service by offering Club Fittings beginning in March of 2021.** Our extraordinary instructional teams of Dan Alton Golf Instruction at Wildwood Green & The Golf Academy at Wildwood Green **will now be able to give your game a complete makeover.** We have acquired two full-service Fitting Carts from Callaway & TaylorMade and will be carrying Titleist, Cobra, & Ping Demo sets as well. You can reach out to our Head Teaching Professional, Dan Alton at Dan@wildwoodgreen.com for more info regarding fittings. **Thank you for being a member** and our desire is to create fun and value for everyone!

Merry Christmas!!!





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Dear Members,

My how the time FLIES! It feels like just yesterday I was introducing you to the new staff and now they are “vets” being four months in. I hope you have gotten to know some of the new employees around the facility even though COVID has had the golf shop closed most of the year. I know it is tricky remembering faces right now, **only being able to see your eyes**, but hopefully we are learning your names and getting to know you more and more each time you come out to the facility!

This year has been a strange one to say the least. With golf being one of the only things you can do right now, **we are glad to see so many people at the course**. I thank you for your patience with tee times, a new booking engine, new rules for non-members, and keeping us informed when you are not going to be able to make your tee time! **We keep a hand-written waiting list** at the golf shop counter and I want to make sure you get on it if we do not have the tee time you are looking for. We take changes on the tee sheet constantly and **call our members first for any openings!**

I hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday season. I will be mailing out some cards soon which will have a nice little gift in it for you to use in 2021. Unfortunately, **we will not be able to host a holiday party due to state mandates** however, be sure that the staff is thinking of you this holiday season. **We appreciate your donations to the employee holiday fund.** It is a nice bonus at the end of the year for the staff. If you would like to contribute, **feel free to call us and use a credit card or drop off an envelope with the golf shop sometime this month!**

I look forward to seeing you around the club soon!





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Rick Durham – Superintendent

Cart path paving is progressing slower than projected. **Currently five holes have been completed with six more scheduled.** The past few weeks has caused some issues. The ground in some areas is **too wet to support a new paths.** To correct these areas, we had to dig out these spots and stone is added in order to firm up the new path. Hopefully, weather will cooperate, and this project **can be completed over the next few weeks.**

You may have also noticed that **the covers for greens have been placed out on the course.** We are in the process of unfolding and marking edges so when the time comes to cover, we will be prepared. **A perfect winter for us would be not to cover at all.** Last year we only covered one time for a total of four days (2019 we covered four times for a total of eleven days). **Many factors are considered when deciding whether to cover greens.** Low temperatures are obviously one of the main factors, **but you also must consider how long will the temperatures be that low.** One or two hours of low temps would not be a big concern if the high temperature for the day reaches into the mid-forties. **Moisture levels need to be monitored also.** A cold wet event is much better than a cold dry event. We will keep you informed when a weather event is on the way as regards to covering. **The irrigation project is on going with spring being a goal for completion.** Heads have been installed on **all fairways.** Adding two controllers and connecting wires should complete the project. **Thank all of you for your patience and comments during these improvements!**

As always I can be reached at rdurham@wildwoodgreen.com for questions and concerns.



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Zach Hepp – First Assistant Professional

The Christmas tree is going up in the golf shop, so **the Holidays have officially commenced!** With the remodel of the golf shop moving along, we're excited to welcome people (wearing masks) back inside so they can check out all the hard work the contractors have put in.

With the holidays also comes **colder weather and the possibility of Frost Delays.** Please stay tuned to **Clubster and the E-Blasts** for information on these Delays – we will be doing our best this season to be as communicative as possible about any delays we may be facing. As always, this month will be an eventful one with **Skins Day, Guest Day, and a Member-Member event** – be sure to sign up!

Skins Day: 12/5 – All day tee times

One Day Member-Member: 12/12 – 9:30am Shotgun

Guest Day: 12/19 – All day tee times

**Deadline to sign up for the
Member-Member is Tuesday, December 8th!**

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!



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Dan Alton - Head Teaching Professional

The Holidays are finally here! If you're looking to give the gift of better golf to a loved one, **look no further**. From Nov. 1st - Dec 18th you can purchase any package of golf lessons **and get 1-3 lessons FREE**. A certificate will be made out to whomever you're buying this package for so that you have something to put under the tree, in a stocking, or **maybe you are treating yourself!**

3 Lessons - \$285 + 1 FREE

5 Lessons - \$425 + 1 FREE

8 Lessons - \$639 + 1 FREE

10 Lessons - \$749 + 2 FREE

20 Lessons - \$1399 + 3 FREE

Please contact Dan at 919.805.0007 or email Dan@wildwoodgreen.com to set it up!



New Services from the Pro...Coming Soon!...

We have been able to secure Club Fitting Carts from both Callaway & TaylorMade. We are aiming for **March 1st** to be have everything ready to go with all the 2021 equipment.



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Nathan Feibes – Golf Shop Manager

In the shop we have some exciting deals going to celebrate the holidays! Our **"24 Days of Christmas Sale"** will run from December 1st to December 24th, and features deals such as:

**30% off gloves, balls, bags and hats,
40% off Putting Mats,
50% off accessories,
50%-70% off Apparel**

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All clubs are on sale as well, just ask anyone in the golf shop for specific pricing. As we clear out some of the older golf shop gear, we are moving new items in as well. Be on the lookout for new Titleist NC/Wildwood Logo hats, Wildwood Green Logo Umbrellas, and a wider variety of golf balls.

For any specific questions about our deals this month just give us a call or email me at Nathan@wildwoodgreen.com



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Tommy Himebaugh – Operations Manager

Winter months are beginning to show some changes to the course conditions. We have transitioned to white sand in the cart bottles and we ask that you **continue to sand your divots**. As Phase 3 continues we remind our guests that it is their **own decision to ride individually or as a pair**.

Be mindful of the path construction as it may change, you may be driving on grass and through uncommon areas and we ask that you **follow designated signage**. Also keep in mind it can be easier to damage carts and become stuck in these uncommon areas, **please use your best judgement and travel as safe as possible throughout the course**.

Our back patio area is now covered by an awning and there are **more improvements to be added in the future**. Please enjoy all of the new additions and prepare for even more improvements we have planned to make Wildwood Green **even better!**

As always, I can be reached by email at Tommy@wildwoodgreen.com



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Sunshine Stogner – Grille Manager



The Grille is still a work in progress as we are expecting **the new stove in the next week or so** and I will be able to start cooking up a storm! Remember, if anyone has any suggestions for the new menu, **I would LOVE to hear them**. So far we are looking into Gluten Free and lower Carb menu items.

The holidays are here!!! I know things are different this year, but we can still have a little fun. If you need help with any appetizers for your get-togethers, please let me know. I would be more than happy to talk to you about a **customized menu**. Some examples include:



Chicken Salad Wontons
Caprese Lollipops
Pig Candy
Fruit Tray
Vegetable Tray
Meatballs
Ham & Swiss Rolls
Cheese Platter



The possibilities are endless! Come see me at the Grille or email me at Sunshine@wildwoodgreen.com



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The Golf Academy at Wildwood Green

Happy Holidays from all of us at The Golf Academy at Wildwood Green! We wish you and your family the very best for the holidays and for the year ahead. We thank you for the trust you have put in us to help you and your family members have more fun with your golf game. Again we are offering our **ADDED VALUE** gift certificates to enhance your gift giving or gift yourself and your game.

Go to our web page at www.raleighgolflessons.com, go to the Gift Certificate page, pick the package you desire, contact the Professional of your choice or simply contact Jimmy Hamilton at hamgolf4u@gmail.com or by phone at 919-906-1290. Your Gift Certificate can be on its way to you in less than 24 hours or placed for pick up in the Golf Shop at Wildwood Green. Choose from the following in 30, 45 or 60 minute packages...

- Buy any 4 lesson package and get a 5th lesson of the same length FREE!!
- Buy any 8 lesson package and get an hour on course lesson FREE!!
- Buy any 12 lesson package and get both an hour on course lesson AND an additional lesson of the same length FREE!!



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The Golf Academy at Wildwood Green (Continued)

We are excited to be able to help you with clubfitting in 2021 and beyond. Wildwood Green Pro Shop now has all the U S Kids Club fitting irons and woods. We can be sure your junior golfer has the clubs to help them grow their game to the best of their abilities. There will be clubs in stock and orders will be available in 7-10 days in most cases. **The correct weight and length club is vital to the development of junior golfers.**

We will be having Winter Skills classes for juniors in mid January through February. Details will be available at www.raleighgolflessons.com on the Programs/ Junior Programs page on December 18, 2020. Programs for 2021 will include the Winter Skills classes, PGA Junior League Golf and the Operation 36 Golfer Development Program for juniors and adults. More information on these programs for 2021 will be available on our web page in mid January as available dates are still to be determined. We intend to have 9 week Operation 36 semesters in spring from March to May, summer from June to August and fall from September to November. **PGA Junior League Golf will return in April through June.**

Through the challenges of this past year, we have had record numbers of juniors in our programs and brought adults into the Operation 36 program. The juniors have improved their scores and skills and have had great fun along the way. Several have done well in CGA and Peggy Kirk Bell Junior Tour events. **Watch for the announcement of our first annual Junior Golfer of the Year award coming in the January newsletter!**



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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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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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Interclub Update

Carl Hiller's Interclub team is continuing in the Playoffs! Their next match is on Saturday 12/5, wish them luck!

Wildwood Interclub Team #1 won against Chapel Hill CC 42.5 to 37.5 on November 8th. This was a team effort, and while it appeared for most of the day that Wildwood was in the driver's seat it got interesting late in the round as CHCC showed heart and would not go away without a fight - **Carl Hiller**

Regular Interclub Team #2 completed its 2020 season on 11/22 losing in the second round of the postseason. They were 4-2 during the regular season advancing to the postseason for the second straight year. Participation was strong this year with over 15 team members signing up for each match. What a great bunch of guys that I had the pleasure of captaining. Let's tee it up again next year! - **Mark Nordin**

The Senior Green Team #1 finished the regular season with home wins against Umstead Pines, Lochmere, and Riverwood to cap off a perfect 6-0 season. The team was given a first round bye in the playoffs, but lost in the second round to Tanglewood Park, the 2018 Senior Champions, by a score of 35.5 to 44.5. It was a great year with contributions from every member of the team. The top point-getters were Lenny Barton (60), Carl Hiller (54), Donnie Knell (53), and Rick Beebe (50). - **Trent Rhyne**



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Member Accomplishments



Bob Distefano shot a 78 on the 17th with four birdies – SIX strokes less than his age!!



	Senior Category	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Total
1	Mark Nordin / Ray Griffin	-3	-2	-1	-6
2	Robert Blayney / Thomas McGeary	-2	Even	-1	-3
3	Robert Flynn / Steve Skiles	4	2	-1	5
4	Mike Rose / Jim Atwood	3	1	3	7
5	Christine Karbowski / Pong Mattiace	6	7	5	18

Ray Griffin (left) and Mark Nordin (right) **WON** the **National Championship** for the Senior Division of the U.S. Doubles Golf! Great playing guys and what a terrific picture with the Golden Bear!!

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



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Acers Club at Wildwood Green



On October 2nd, Denise 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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Hours Will
Change
12/07/20!

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 – Sunday	7:30 AM – 5:30 PM	8:30 AM	Monday – Saturday 4:00 PM	Sunday 2:00 PM

Champions Grille Hours: Monday - Sunday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Limit Contact & Call Ahead! (919) 846-8376



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Brand New: Tee Time Hotline

TeeTimes@WildwoodGreen.com

Please do not hesitate to email **TeeTimes@WildwoodGreen** with any tee time cancellations, adjustments, or requests.

Any email sent to the hotline will reach all Wildwood Managers, and as one of them is on site at all times, your email will reach the correct party!



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Employee Holiday Fund

As we approach the holiday season, you have the opportunity through the employee holiday fund to say "thank you" to your Wildwood Green employees. The employee holiday fund is a great way for our members to show their appreciation to the staff for all their hard work over the past year. Everyone from the maintenance staff to outside services is included in the distribution and any contribution you make is greatly appreciated!



Happy Holidays!



To donate please stop by the golf shop and place your contribution in the box on the golf shop counter! We can accept credit card transactions as well. Please see a golf shop employee if you would like to use your credit card.

The whole staff wants to send an early thank you to those who plan to contribute! Our best wishes go out to you and your families for a joyous and healthy holiday season!



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Skins Day at Wildwood Green

*Saturday, December 5th
– All Day Tee Times –*



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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December Member-Member *Saturday, December 12th – 9:30 AM Shotgun*



Deadline to sign up is end of day on Tuesday, December 8th

Format:

Four Player Teams, 2 Net with gross payouts

Entry:

- **\$15 per member with weekend morning privileges + applicable cart fees, walking allowed**
- **\$15 per Weekday or PM member + \$20 green fee (\$35 total) + applicable cart fees, walking allowed**
- **Entry includes range balls before play, on-course contests, and gift cards to winning teams.**

Optional Lunch – Please let us know if you would like a lunch at time of sign up!

Turkey, bacon, ranch wrap with chips and a drink – \$10.25.

****Sign up with 1 other member, and the golf shop will create the pairings!****



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Guest Day

Saturday, December 19th – 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!



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



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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December 2020 Events Calendar

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Wildflowers/WildOats 10:00 AM SG	2 Gaggle 10:00 AM TT	3 WildOats 10:00 AM SG	4 Gaggle 10:00 AM TT	5 Skins Day Interclub Playoff Match
6 Tee Time Changes to 9:00 AM WildOats 10:00 AM TT	7 Wildflowers/WildOats 10:00 AM SG	8 Gaggle 10:00 AM TT	9 WildOats 10:00 AM SG	10 Gaggle 10:00 AM TT	11 One Day Member-Member 9:00 AM SG
12 	13 WildOats 10:00 AM TT	14 Wildflowers/WildOats 10:00 AM SG	15 Gaggle 10:00 AM TT	16 WildOats 10:00 AM SG 	17 Gaggle 10:00 AM TT
18 Shortest Day of the Year Winter Begins WildOats 10:00 AM TT	19 Wildflowers/WildOats 10:00 AM SG	20 Gaggle 10:00 AM TT	21 Christmas Eve All Play 10:00 AM SG	22 Christmas – Facility CLOSED 	23 
24 	25 WildOats 10:00 AM TT	26 Wildflowers/WildOats 10:00 AM SG	27 GOOD RIDDANCE 2020! 	28 Until further notice, members and their accompanied guests will be able to walk anytime. Non-accompanied guests can also walk anytime. Carts will be given out until 7:30 PM on a first come first serve basis. Members can book 15 days ahead of time. Get on our wait list or fill in if you do not have a tee time! Non-members can book 3 days ahead of time.	