



# **Wildwood Green;**

## **Where Champions Play!**



**February 2021  
Newsletter**



# Upcoming Events:

2/13

Guest Day

2/20

Member-Member

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Skins Day

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Next Member-Member:  
**Saturday, February**

**20th**

**10:00am Shotgun**

# February 2021 Member-Member **RESULTS**

Great playing everyone!

## **Flight 1**

**1st Gross** - Steve Champion & Brad Adams (**66**)

**1st Net** - Tony Herring & Mark Nordin (**63**)

**2nd Net** - **TIE:** Dee Blankenhorn & Bake Baker (**67**) / Justin Jarrard & Chris Moya (**67**)

## **Flight 2**

**1st Net** - Chris & John Rupert (**63**)

**2nd Net** - Donnie Knell & Matt Armistead (**65**)

**3rd Net** - Larry Essary & Curt Miller (**66**)

## **Flight 3**

**1st Net** - Sonny Miller & Carlos Santiago (**68**)

**2nd Net** - Jerry Bitzenhofer & Al Makila (**69**)

**3rd Net** - Denice & Jack Short (**70**)

## **Flight 4**

**1st Net** - Kay Reilly & Anne Robitaille (**68**)

**2nd Net** - Paul Robitaille & Thiru (**68**)

**3rd Net** - Justin Kempe & Joan Hodge (**69**)

**Closest to the Pin #6: Mark Nordin**

**Closest to the Pin #17: Al Makila**





## **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!**

## **Update from the Owner**

**H**ello to all the members who have tried to put up with the rain and played a few rounds in soggy January. We appreciate all the nice compliments regarding the improvements, customer service and our switch from golf shop merchandise apparel to primarily golf items. Here is an update on what we have in the works:

### **PATIO:**

The awning is completed, new high top tables and chairs are already onsite, but we have to either cover the bricks or repair the grout between the bricks prior to placing the furniture. We have installed the market lights. The fire pit is working nicely. The outside service window has been ordered and should be installed soon along

with an awning over that service area. The electricity and plumbing have been installed to move the ice/water machine outside when the weather is suitable.

### **PAVILION:**

We discovered a leak in the concrete pad and brick area. The contractor has promised a quick waterproof fix and should actually be finished by the time you receive this newsletter. Repair to the outside wood trim, sealing the windows, inside and outside painting, boxing in the inside columns, electrical work, flooring and furnishings will follow. Unfortunately we are unable to obtain water/sewer service to the pavilion at this time. We are working on temporary and permanent restrooms. Hopefully we will be able

to enjoy the area by March. Look for an exciting announcement from Jeff and Dan regarding TrackMan and club fitting for this area!

### **GOLF COURSE & GROUNDS:**

New lights are ordered to be installed near the Pavilion and one near the parking lot. We are at Dukes mercy. Unfortunately, we are unable to complete the cart path repairs on holes 2,3,4,13,14,15 (when finished we will spend over \$400,000 on cart paths and parking) and some select spots on holes that only need some patching at this time due to the wet conditions. Enjoy the smooth ride, if you are one of the golfers that actually uses the cart paths! No work on paths will restart until the course dries out.



## Update from the Owner (continued)

### GOLF COURSE & GROUNDS:

The cleaning of the pond on #5 will be delayed until we can make a few bucks because we have an unexpected \$19,500 drainage repair across #13 & #5. The work planned at #12 lake and forward tee, plus the academy tee renovation are still on schedule.

The installation of the water cooler stands at #16 is completed and #4 will start after the cart path work is completed in that area.

New coolers and cooler stands have been ordered along with many more golf course and range accessories. We are installing GPS on the golf carts and will be limiting the areas where carts can enter. We have tried to regulate cart traffic in order to protect the golfers in the carts and the conditions of the course. We obviously failed since carts are driven within a few feet of greens and tees, in areas when wet, on sides of dangerous slopes, in newly seeded areas, wooded areas, across drainage ditches and even behind #2,4,8,10,11,12,13 greens. IF YOU NEED A HANDICAP FLAG, see Jeff regarding a letter from your Doctor or a copy of your auto handicap display and license plate photo.

### FOOD & BEVERAGE:

Sunshine and her staff are doing outstanding. The comments from the 50 folks who enjoyed the Spaghetti dinner has been outstanding. Sandy and I enjoyed it. I loved that pineapple cake too. Champions Grille staff are always willing to prepare your special requests. Please call in your orders.

Beginning by daylight savings time we are going to ask that no outside coolers, food, beverage be brought onto club grounds, especially alcohol!!!!

We continue to try to provide our members with the best service, conditions and value possible. If we fall short we want to know. Comment Cards are provided on golf carts and other areas around the club. We see these every week and do our best to react to your comments!

Thank you for being a member!

- Roger







## General Manager Update

Dear Members,

Along with the facility and course improvements (patio awning, pavilion, cart paths, landscaping, etc.) we are excited to announce that we will soon be purchasing a TrackMan 4 unit to put into the pavilion area. This will allow you to **virtually play several big-name course such as Pebble Beach, Bellerive Country Club, Innisbrook Copperhead, St. Andrews and more!** This will also allow us an area to fit your game with detailed swing specs. Jimmy, Dan, and the other instructors are excited to have this opportunity to fit your entire game here at Wildwood and offer a place to play, practice, and get fit even during the colder months of the year. **We can do everything at Wildwood Green with this implementation of the Trackman unit!**

We are nearly complete on finalizing the Member Event schedule for the year. The 2021 NCAA Football schedule was recently released and we had to adjust a few events later this year. **Zach will be putting out an updated and finalized event schedule soon!**

We are in a final stage of planning and announcing our new membership drive. We made **Better Than The Rest** a reality last year as we had over 140 new memberships join the club! We are improving your member benefits and will continue to do so with the addition of new memberships. We are in a great spot to further grow the club for the long term with this new, 2021 membership drive. Be on the lookout soon and get your friends to join! If you have anyone interested in joining now, they still can join under last year's details. You and they would receive a 25% dues credit for 12 months. **The more sponsorships you have, the lower your dues will be!**

**Very exciting things are happening around here and I thank you for being a part of making it all happen!**

**I look forward to seeing you around the club soon!**





## Superintendent — Rick Durham

Wet conditions continue to be the theme. This time of year, **it does not take much moisture to saturate the course**. We have had one small break which enabled us to install irrigation wires on hole five. We still have eight holes to go and if it ever dries out we will continue with this project.

**There is one unexpected project that had to be planned for ASAP.** A section of the underground drainage system has failed on hole 5. Instead of repairing the one section we have **decided to replace entire system**. The drainage pipe begins at 13 cart path and runs under 13 fairway. There is a catch basin in between 5 and 13. From there drainage system empties into the pond at 5. The old existing metal pipe will be replaced with double wall plastic with two new catch basins. Once the pipes and catch basins have been replaced, the area will be sodded. **This will help with heavy water flow during large rain events.**

The rain has **postponed cart path work** until weather improves. Heavy equipment used to pave would cause more damage than good.

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



## 1st Assistant — Zach Hepp

New month, **new exciting member events!** We have finalized the 2021 events calendar, which can be found on our website, under the “outings and events” tab at the top navigation bar. September, October, and November event dates are tentative based on area college football schedules.

Also, keep an eye out for Champions Grille dinner to-go specials that we will be advertising through our e-blasts, Clubster, and social media. **Speaking of social media**, if you haven’t followed us on Instagram or Facebook, please do so! We always post the daily opening message on Facebook—useful if you aren’t able to access your Clubster app for any reason!

If you have any **questions, comments, or concerns** about anything that has been happening around the club, please don’t hesitate to fill out and turn in a comment card! The comment cards can be extremely helpful to us when we are trying out something new. We always love hearing our member’s feedback!

Please feel free to contact me directly! [zach@wildwoodgreen.com](mailto:zach@wildwoodgreen.com)





## Head Teaching Professional — Dan Alton

It's no surprise that your handicap goes up during the winter months. With the temperature below 65 degrees the ball doesn't fly as far, the ground conditions make it tough to chip & pitch etc...So what can you do?? Start by playing a low compression ball for the remainder of the winter. Callaway SuperSoft's are the lowest compression ball out there at about 35\40...**EVERYONE OF ALL SWING SPEEDS** will benefit from this during sub 60 temps. Next, **hit one more club no matter what**, from there you just need to make some putts. If it's a little cold for you to start taking swing lessons...**putting lessons aren't a bad idea**. This is the perfect time to be getting your short game ready for spring conditions. We can make sure you have the correct arc for your stroke & make sure you have the **correct putter fit for said arc**.



If you're ready to start **lowering scores** take advantage of our Book on-line feature. If you're booking for a Junior, send either myself or Asst. Pro, Nathan Feibes an Email and we will get them set up with his schedule. **Looking forward to getting back to the Spring weather, we're almost there!**



## Golf Shop Manager — Nathan Feibes

Hello everyone! If you have been inside the Pro-Shop recently, you will have noticed some **major changes**. Moving along into 2021, we will continue to **increase** variety in our golf clubs, balls, gloves, and all other hard goods you need to play your best! We have moved some things around in the Shop to **better organize our items**, so if you have any feedback on how else we can improve the Pro-Shop/Clubhouse, please let us know.

As always, **feel free to reach out to me with any special-order requests** you have, and I will be happy to assist. I look forward to seeing you at the course!







## Operations Manager — Tommy Himebaugh

As we continue to play golf through these uncertain times we are adapting to all rules and regulations set forth. **A number carts have been outfitted with dividers** and are available for use but not required. You are able to ride solo or with other players, **it is up to your personal preference.**



Please take note of the daily cart path rules as **some holes may be path only while others remain open.** A reminder of our winter driving range times: Monday-Saturday the last bucket will be sold at 4:00pm. **On Sunday the last bucket is sold at 2:00pm** with a hard closing time of 3:00pm to get the range picked. We are preparing for big additions in the next few months, and look forward to serving you.

As always, I can be reached by email at: [Tommy@wildwoodgreen.com](mailto:Tommy@wildwoodgreen.com)



## Grille Manager — Sunshine Stogner

**Champions Grille** has many exciting upcoming events! To kick things off, we have prepared a special Super Bowl LV catering menu featuring some tasty Super Bowl treats complete with 75-cent wings. Meal pickup will be available until 5:00PM on Sunday, February 7th. The menu has been published in our E-blasts, but please click [HERE](#) to view a printable version!

Spaghetti night was a **huge** success! There were **50 orders placed**, and everyone loved the meals. **We are planning on hosting a Valentines-themed to-go dinner next, on Friday the 12th.** Help us make this to-go dinner an even bigger success by telling your friends and family to place an order! The more the merrier!

As always if you need help with any food items for your get-togethers please get in touch with me at [Sunshine@wildwoodgreen.com](mailto:Sunshine@wildwoodgreen.com)





## The Golf Academy at Wildwood Green

The Operation 36 Golfer Development Program for adults and juniors is **now open** for registration for the spring 2021, 9 week semester. Classes are filling quickly!! Go to our Academy webpage, [raleighgolflessons.com](http://raleighgolflessons.com), go to the Programs/Junior Programs page and scroll to the Operation 36 information. The available classes are listed along with tuition and fee schedules, Academy policies, and a link to take you to the Operation 36 platform to create your family page and student page. On your page dashboard there will be a "Classes" button in the left margin that will allow you to select an available class. If a class listed on the webpage does not appear on the Operation 36 platform, that means that class is already full. There will be a summer semester June 14-Aug 14 and a fall semester Sept 6- November 7. **Registration for summer will begin May 1 and Registration for fall will begin July 15.** U S Kids clubs are now available in the Pro Shop!! We have demos in every length to fit your junior and if the set is not in stock, that set can be ordered and received quickly.

**The 2021 PGA Junior League Program will begin registering by February 20.** We are finalizing some dates for our league. This year we will have our own in house league for ages 8-13 and 14-17. There are National PGA postseasons available for ages 10-13 and 14-17. We want to create a league in house for all the ages for competition that will take place in May and June **primarily on Saturday afternoons after 4:30pm.** Registration will take place at [pgajrleague.com](http://pgajrleague.com) by February 20 as final dates are known.

The colder wet weather leaves time for working on drills to help you change patterns of motion to **improve your consistency in all aspects** of your game. One of our **highly experienced** PGA Professionals can help you determine your best route to a better game. **Remember the definition of insanity, doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result!!!**





## Member Accomplishments

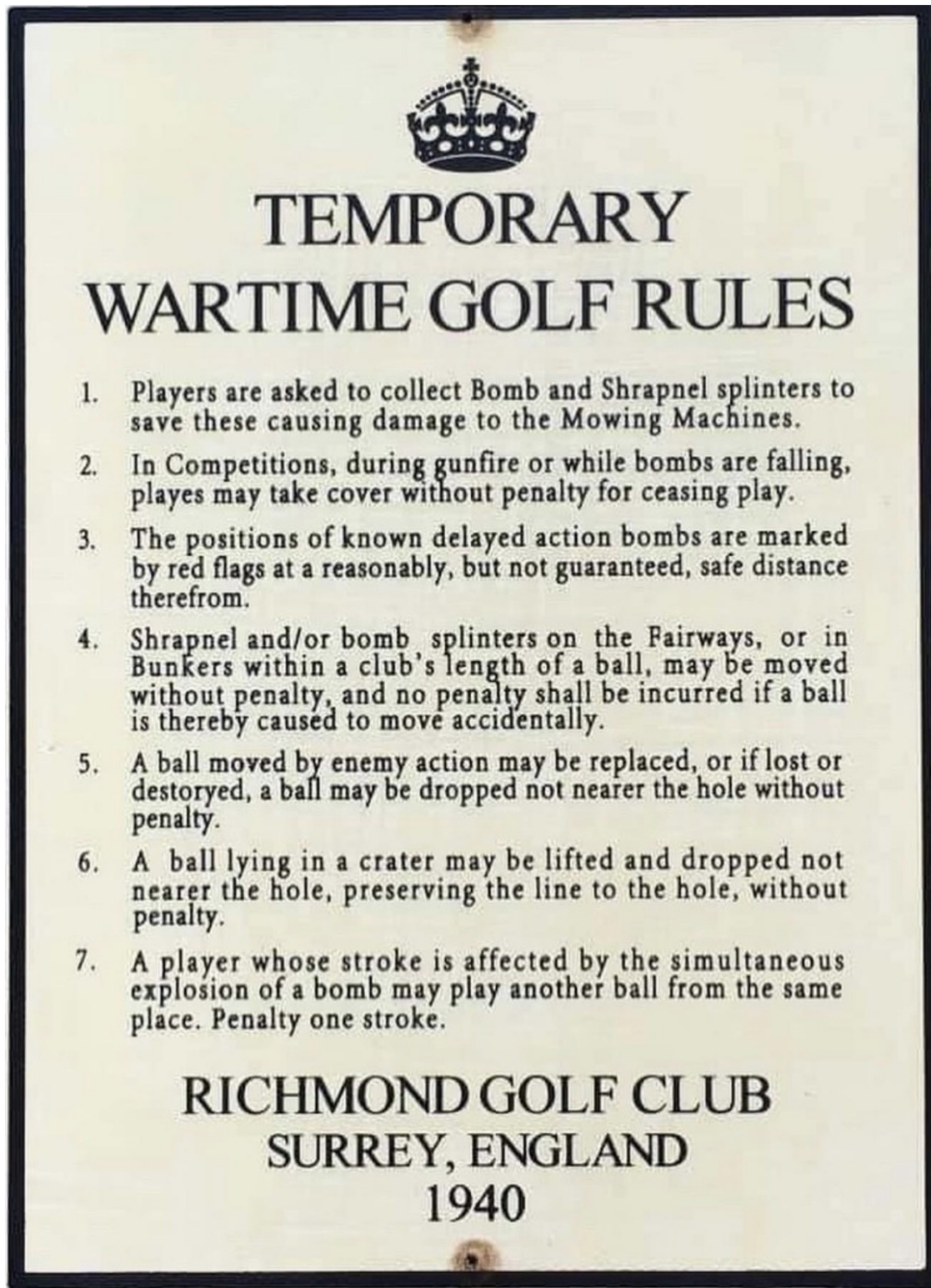


January 10th

Barry Johnson aced #4 from 150 yards with a 6-iron! Great shot!

If you have an accomplishment you'd like to share, please send it to [zach@wildwoodgreen.com](mailto:zach@wildwoodgreen.com)!

Uncanny Golf Rules



Thanks to Mike Kovach for sending this in...Coronavirus golf brought a lot of challenges, but at least we aren't dodging gunfire and bombs!



## Upcoming Events

### Guest Day

**Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> – 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.**



## February One Day Member-Member



***Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 AM Shotgun***



***\*Sign up with 1 other member, and the golf shop will create foursomes***



***Deadline to sign up is end of day, February 16<sup>th</sup>***

Upcoming Events

Skins Day at Wildwood Green

*Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>  
– 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.**



Accompanied Guest Policy

**NEW** accompanied guest  
weekend policy:



Beginning March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 only members and their accompanied guests will be allowed to play Friday – Sunday before 12:00pm.

Course Closure



The golf course will be  
**CLOSED** on Monday, 2/22/21  
For maintenance (weather permitting)



## Acer's Club

**Acers Club at Wildwood Green**

On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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!**

## Hours

**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	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM	9:00 AM	Monday – Saturday 4:00 PM	Sunday 2:00 PM <b>Range CLOSED at 3:00pm</b>

**Champions Grille Hours: Monday - Sunday: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**Limit Contact & Call in your Order! (919) 390-0347**



### Frost Policy

Click image  
for additional  
frost delay  
info!



### Tee Time Hotline



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!



Monthly Events Calendar



[Or, click here to follow link](#)