



Wildwood Green;

Where Champions Play!



**March 2021
Newsletter**

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Guest Day

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Skins Day

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Champions Club
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Tournament of
Champions

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February 2021 Member-Member **RESULTS**

Great playing everyone!

Flight 1

1st Gross - Lennie Barton
& David Butler (66)

1st Net - Erikka Buracchio
& Dee Blankenhorn (69)

2nd Net - Taylor Britt &
Ray Griffin (70)

Flight 2

1st Net - Carl Hiller & Ben Tip-
pin (62)

2nd Net - Michael Coats &
John Dobyns (68)

3rd Net - (4-way tie for 3rd) –
Chris Atkins & Bill Nolan / Rick
Beebe & Donnie Knell / Tom
Clemons & Bill Flannery / Chase
Nieshalla & Andy Levine (70)

Flight 3

1st Net - Barry Johnson &
Paul Puglia (64)

2nd Net - Jim Moore &
Beverly Stenzel (68)

On-Course Contests:

#6 - Ray Griffin - 1 sleeve Pro V1's

#12 - Larry Essary - 1 sleeve Pro V1's

#17 - With no clear winner on the Women's CTP, we've awarded each of the 3 ladies that played a 2-pack of Bridgestone balls!



Flight 1 Gross Winners: **Lennie Barton & David Butler (66)**



Flight 2 Net Winners:
**Carl Hiller &
Ben Tippin (62)**



Flight 3 Net Winners:
**Barry Johnson &
Paul Puglia (64)**

Get Paid Like a Pro!

These members were caught sporting the Wildwood Green logo during the February Member-Member!

Barry Johnson

Michael Coats

Taylor Britt

John Dobyns

Chris Atkins

Bill Nolan

Please stop by the golf shop to pick up a \$5 gift card (per logo) as our way of saying thanks for promoting the course!

Be sure to wear your Wildwood gear to the next event!



Barry Johnson



Michael Coats



Taylor Britt



John Dobyns



Chris Atkins / Bill Nolan



Board of Advisors:

Bob Hounsell

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Jeff Hall

Denice Short

Update from the Owner

Rain please give us a break!! The rain has really interrupted all of our winter work. For those of you that have found a way to play golf you must need a new pair of golf shoes! Thanks for playing and participating in the winter events.

Now for a quick update of our improvements:

- The irrigation work has been delayed, but left some time for the crew to spruce up a number of items throughout the clubhouse and course areas. Pine straw looks great. Thanks Rick and maintenance staff!
- The drainage work on #5 and #13 has been delayed. Waiting to dry out to complete.
- The work at #12 tee/lake area has been delayed. Waiting to dry out to complete.
- Cart path paving on #2, 3, 4, 13, 14 & 15 has been delayed and will continue when it dries out.
- The teaching tee area at the back of the range has also been delayed. Waiting to dry out.
- All new course accessories (water coolers and stands, sand bottle holders, bunker rakes, club cleaners, bag racks, scorecard holder, sand boxes) are being placed on the course as time and weather permits.
- The ice/water machine at the course restrooms area will be installed during April.
- At least two light poles will be installed on the clubhouse grounds in anticipation of more evening use of the club after dark.
- We are gathering bids on cleaning the lake on #5 and installing a fence between the range and #1 fairway. We hope to complete at least one of these by July.
- The patio furniture is onsite and will be placed before April. The ice/ water machine will be relocated from the grille to the patio, a new service window will be added at the grille to improve turn time and service to golfers.



Update from the Owner (continued)

- The pavilion completion has been delayed until it is waterproofed and a permit is secured for the electrical supply to install the HVAC. The flooring, TV, bar are all onsite. No restrooms can be installed at this time, however we are looking at temporary restrooms. Repairs and painting are scheduled shortly.
- Have you seen the golf shop renovation and new golf merchandise on display? Try some of the Taylormade golf balls at an unbelievable sale price!! Thanks to Jeff and Nathan for making all these improvements!
- Zach is busy keeping the communication going out so members don't miss any events, offers or special sale items. Great job on communications Zach!
- Tommy has been hard at work cleaning up all areas of the buildings, training outside staff, keeping the range, cart and club storage operations first class. Way to shine Tommy and staff!!
- Sunshine has been introducing new items and improving the grille. Hope you are taking advantage of her dinner meal offerings. Tell your neighbors!! This lady can really cook! Thanks to Sunshine for making Champions grille the place to dine!
- Jeff has created the most unbelievable membership offer ever presented. As the membership increases the member benefits also improve. Get the membership info to your friends and lower your dues. Jeff is already starting to limit guest play on weekend mornings. Jeff makes sure your membership is affordable and of outstanding value. Thank you Jeff!

Please complete comment cards when you visit the club. It is the best way to let us know how we are doing!!

Thank you for being a member!!

- Roger





General Manager Update

Dear Members,

March is upon us and longer days are within view! COVID cases are dropping and vaccines are rolling out. All GREAT news!

It feels like just yesterday we were changing the operations at Wildwood to accommodate state regulations which have recently eased. North Carolina is in a better spot now than we have been for several months. Everyone knock on wood!!

We dealt with an ever-changing landscape over the past year and I appreciate all of the staff's help as well as yours, for us being able to stay open and operate. It has been a tough 12 months for so many people and my heart goes out to them. Thank you for being committed to the club and being the reason we have been able to make so many wonderful improvements. It is really exciting to see the changes take place over the past four years. New greens — limiting weekend mornings to members and their guests — better facility all around — more in-stock hard goods — better food — better events — better carts — It has all come together for us here and we hope you are proud of your facility!

With what Roger listed in his article about upcoming improvements, I have a few things to announce as well.

Beginning March 1st we are implementing a capital dues of \$10 per month, per membership. These capital dues will be earmarked for use on capital improvement items and provide an overall better facility for you to be a member. Your membership dues are not being increased at this time

Cart fees will also be adjusted. The new price will be \$21.85 for 18 holes and \$13.60 for 9 holes. You can still join the annual cart plan and prepay for these if you would like. If you would like to do so, please see Zach in the golf shop to get it taken care of.

We are going to be implementing new software in April which will hopefully alleviate the issues we have seen with online bookings and provide a smoother process overall. With the launch of the new software we will implement a 3% surcharge for all credit card transactions beginning May 1st. If you are currently using a credit card to pay your monthly fees or daily fees, please let us know if you want to change that beginning in May so that your credit card is not drafted. You can always pay by cash or check to avoid these surcharge fees.

I look forward to seeing you around the club soon!





Superintendent — Rick Durham

Mother Nature has continued to challenge us over this past month. We have had to **delay several projects and even some daily maintenance due to wet conditions**. Some of the daily maintenance delays has included bunkers and general cleanup. **All efforts are being made to improve these areas.**

Two of our larger projects that have been delayed are irrigation and cart paths. **Irrigation will resume the latter part of March.** Cart path renovation has been a struggle scheduling and will start again once the course has a chance to dry out.

We have also been unable to apply a pre-emergent to the golf course. Our initial target date for this was February 22nd. Due to the wet conditions we have **postponed until March 16th**. This application will help control summer annual weeds. This application is vital to keeping the course weed free and promoting a healthier turf.

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



1st Assistant — Zach Hepp

Warmer weather is on the way! As we get into March, please be sure you are keeping an eye on our Clubster and E-blast updates, as we will be changing the driving range hours, and the first tee time will be moving up. **March 13th will be the last day for the double tee start**, and on Sunday the 14th we start with tee times at **7:50am** to get more members out on the course in the mornings! Monday through Thursday the first tee time will be **8:30am**, until we adjust hours again for daylight.

We have some course maintenance planned for Tuesday, March 17th. This is a pre-emergent application and is weather-permitting, hence why the date has changed so frequently!

Additionally, the **Gaggle group now has tee times on Mondays**, as well as their regular Wednesday and Friday times! Starting Monday, March 1st with 12:00pm tee times, with the cutoff being 2:00pm on Sundays.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to email me at Zach@wildwoodgreen.com



Head Teaching Professional — Dan Alton

Spring is here!...is your golf game? If you need to get your swing ready for the season, we are here for you just ONE CLICK AWAY!

<https://danaltongolf.com/book-a-lesson/>

Click the link above to pick your date/time - as simple as that. **Last year, over 100 of our students recorded their lowest score ever, lowest score at WG, their lowest score in the last 5 years, or dropped their handicap at least 4 points.** That's half of our students lowering their scores!...Countless others were finding the game more enjoyable...**Incredible!** It was a lot of fun seeing all of their progress & sharing their accomplishments via newsletters, weekly updates, & e-blasts as they were pouring in. **Who is going to be a part of that success this year?!** You're one click away from dropping your handicap.



Have a junior who is ready to start getting into golf? **Assistant Golf Professional, Nathan Feibes is ready to get them into the swing of things.** Email Nathan at nathan@wildwoodgreen.com for more information regarding private & dual junior lesson packages.



Golf Shop Manager — Nathan Feibes

Hello all! With our new 2021 clubs continuing to arrive in the shop, we also have some of last year's clubs on **major discounts**. Take a look at the Manger's Special on 6-packs of TaylorMade TP/TPx balls, at just \$15 per 6-pack! **That's just \$2.50 per ball!**

While we are focusing **primarily** on clubs and other hard goods, we will also have some custom **Wildwood Belts, and Wildwood Ball Markers arriving this month.** If you have any feedback, or suggestions on other items you would want to see us carry, just let me know!

Also, please 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

Big changes are taking place! Our fleet of golf carts are being outfitted with GPS tablets. We want our members and guests to have the **most up-to-date technology that the golf industry has to offer**. With this addition we ask that you take the time to familiarize yourself with the capabilities and uses of the new tablets as there will be **changes in cart access to certain areas of the facility** and grounds.

Within the next few weeks, we will be adjusting our Course and Driving Range hours which will be reflected in our Opening Clubster updates, **so stay tuned!**

We have had a lot of rain recently and conditions on the course remain quite saturated. **Please help us keep the course in great shape and continue to use precaution when traveling in wet areas!**



Grille Manager — Sunshine Stogner

The weather is about to change and I for one **can't wait to get outside!** We are going to start new and exciting things at the grille this summer.

Food Truck Fridays

Pasta Night

Cook-Outs

AND Delivered Catering to the Neighborhood!

In March we have a **Southern Dinner take out on the 26th**, with bone-in bbq chicken, chopped BBQ, mac-n-cheese, hushpuppies, creamy cole-slaw and peach cobbler.

We also have a hot lunch planned for the Champions Club event (3/20), Pino noir braised beef tips with white rice, buttered corn and dessert! The optional lunch for the tournament of Champions Invitational (3/27) is a Chicken salad cold plate with potato salad, coleslaw, fresh fruit on a bed of lettuce with sliced tomatoes and boiled egg.

The menus are now on the website to look at and if you have suggestions of what you would like to see, please let me know.

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The Golf Academy at Wildwood Green

The registration for the spring semester of Operation 36 has nearly filled all available classes. We currently have 125 people registered in 23 class sessions. The spring semester runs from the week of March 15 to the week of May 17. Openings exist in Adult classes on Saturdays, Future 36'ers (ages 3-6) on Wednesday and Thursday, ages 7-10 has one opening on Saturday morning, ages 10-13 have openings on one Tuesday class. Go to raleighgolflessons.com, go to the Programs/Junior Programs page and scroll into the Operation 36 information and follow the registration instructions. We will have a summer semester from the week of June 14 through the week of August 9 and a fall semester from the week of September 6 through the week of November 1. **Class and registration information will be available for the summer semester on May 1 and for the fall semester on July 15.**

PGA Junior League Golf returns starting in April through June. Program information and registration information through the national PGA site, pgajrleague.com, and our Program information is available on raleighgolflessons.com, go to the Programs/Junior Programs page. We are looking to do an in house league for the U13 age group with up to 4 teams and an in house league for U17 for up to 2 teams. **SIGN UP TODAY!!**

Our juniors are getting their 2021 tournament schedules starting and we are watching several compete in Peggy Kirk Bell Junior Tour, U S Kids, Carolinas Golf Association TYGA, and Hurricane Junior Tour events. **Get your game into spring training mode with a tune up** or adjustment to help your game be in top shape for spring. Coming soon will be a user friendly, app based, fitness system to help you take the time you have and work on conditioning and flexibility at your own pace, at home, with minimal equipment. **Kinexit Fitness coming to Jimmy Hamilton's lesson programs in March.** Assessments available and app time available as part of a regularly scheduled lesson program.

PGA Family Cup coming this summer! Watch the upcoming newsletters for more details!!



Member Accomplishments



Jack Wiley & Miraya Lurie have qualified for the
Tournament of Champions in Pinehurst this July!

If you see them around the club, be sure
to congratulate them!

If you have an accomplishment you'd like to share,
please send it to zach@wildwoodgreen.com!

Golf Funnies



**We got a laugh out of this in the
golf shop, hope you do too!**

Upcoming Events

Guest Day

Thursday, March 4th – 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.

Skins Day at Wildwood Green

***Saturday, March 6th
– 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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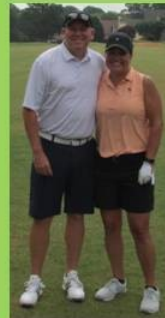
Champion Club – Kickoff

Saturday, March 20th – 9:00 AM Shotgun

\$40 per member + applicable cart fee.

Format: 4 player team, 2 net

Included with your entry is range balls before play, on-course contests, food after play, a “Putt for Dough” contest, and gift certificates to the winners!



Tournament of Champions 2021

Saturday, March 27th – 9:00 AM Shotgun
Due to the 2020 TOC being cancelled, we will be inviting winners from the 2019 as well as 2020 season!



**Dee Blankenhorn –
2019 Overall Senior
Club Champion**

**Deadline to
Sign up is
Tuesday,
March 23rd**

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



**Keith Jurney, Martin Mulholland, John
Sullivan & Kent Williams – 2020 December
Member-Member Flight 2 winners**

Friday Night Dinner—March 19th



Southern BBQ Special

Friday Night To-Go Dinner

Friday March 19th

Provided by Champions Grille

Please fill out the Google Form to place your order!

\$15*
Per dish
Feeds 1!

WILDWOOD GREEN

Southern BBQ Special Menu:

Main: Bone-In BBQ Chicken Quarter & Chopped Southern BBQ

Sides: Mac-n-cheese, hushpuppies, and creamy coleslaw

Dessert: Peach cobbler

Friday, March 19th

Pickup from 4:00-7:00 PM

Plates are \$15.00 each, and serve one person

Please click the image above **or** the link below to place an order!

<https://forms.gle/uQBnv4m15zAtxDhN6>

TaylorMade Fitting



Questions? Email Nathan@Wildwoodgreen.com

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!

Accompanied Guest Policy

NEW accompanied guest
weekend policy:



Beginning March 14th only members and their accompanied guests will be allowed to play Saturday, Sunday, and holidays before 12:00pm.

NEW—Monday Gaggle

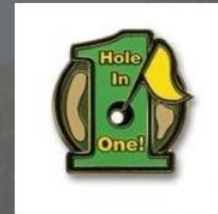
Starting Monday, March 1st at 12:00pm

NEW:
MONDAY
GAGGLE

Sign-ups close at 2:00pm on Sunday

Acer's Club

Acers Club at Wildwood Green



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!

March Hours (March 1st—13th)

Hours of Operation

Effective March 1st - 13th!

<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 – 6:00 PM	9:00 AM	Monday – Saturday 5:30 PM	Sunday 3:00 PM Range CLOSED at 4:00pm

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

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

Monthly Events Calendar




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