



# **Wildwood Green;**

## **Where Champions Play!**

A wide-angle photograph of a golf course. In the foreground, a lush green fairway slopes down towards a green. A small sand trap is visible on the right side of the green. In the background, a large, multi-story clubhouse with a white roof and yellow walls is nestled among a dense forest of tall pine trees. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

**March 2022  
Newsletter**



# Upcoming Events:

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Champions Club  
Kickoff Event

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Tournament  
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**General Manager — Jeff Engelhaupt, PGA****Members,**

March is here and before you know it, the temperatures will be consistently warm and the grass will be turning green. **Rick, Rex, and the rest of maintenance team** have done a great job keeping us clean and in good shape this winter. The clubhouse grounds and flower beds were recently **prepped for fresh pine straw** to be laid. Those flowers will begin blooming before you know it!

Beginning in March you will have a chance to lower your monthly dues by sponsoring a new member to join the club....you will even be entered to **win two years of FREE membership dues** with each new member sponsored! Our **2022 Two Years Free Dues** membership drive will officially launch March 1st. With the sponsorship of a new member, you will receive a statement credit of **25% of the new member's dues off your dues for 12 months**. More information will be sent via email in the coming days and we will have new member packets at the golf shop counter for you.

Please know that we try to maintain a low dues structure while providing a high quality product. **Beginning April 1st** we will be having a **5% membership dues and services increase including range fees and cart fees**. Capital dues will remain the same. Beginning March 13th, we will have an increase of daily play rates. Any new member joining the club will be doing so under these new rates. For those of you who have prepaid 2022, your dues rates are locked in through that time period.

Every day we are looking for ways to improve the facility and have some exciting capital improvements that we are researching now for a fall implementation. Please see a **list of improvements we have completed and plan to complete on the following page**.

**We would not be able to have completed all of these improvements without you. Thank you for being a member!**

**THANK YOU**



## Improvement Listing

### Completed Improvement Listing Since 2017

- \*Installed Champion Ultradwarf Bermuda greens
- \*Installed a practice green behind driving range
- \*Installed TurfHound hitting mats at the range
- \*Installed a seating area at the driving range
- \*New benches installed throughout the property
- \*New lithium battery electric golf cart fleet
- \*Added GPS touch screens into the golf carts
- \*Cart paths paved and patched
- \*Rerouted #13 cart path
- \*Added a new cart path towards #5 forward tee
- \*New beverage cart leased
- \*Purchased two single rider Fat Tire scooters
- \*New landscaping added throughout the facility grounds and golf course
- \*Fully automated irrigation system on tees, fairways, and greens
- \*Rough and shady areas seeded with fescue
- \*New turf care equipment purchased
- \*Lake maintenance company hired to clean and maintain our water hazards
- \*Fountains for lakes installed
- \*Replaced drainage pipes in the parking lot, #5 fairway and #13 fairway
- \*New steps at tee boxes and greens (hole #4, #8, #13, #14)
- \*Steps repaired at hole #9 tee box
- \*Dredged and cleaned out #5 pond
- \*Removed silt from pond on hole #12 and enlarged the forward tee
- \*Renovated and upgraded women's restroom at halfway house
- \*Installed new water coolers, stands and pads at hole #4 and #16
- \*New ice-water machines installed (halfway house and clubhouse)
- \*Renovated and enlarged the lesson tee
- \*Added an asphalt turnaround at the teaching area and removed limbs and debris for parking area behind the lesson tee
- \*Added fence between #1 fairway and range
- \*Installed range ball dispenser
- \*Repaired range ball dispenser building
- \*Completely replaced walkway bridge to green on hole #8
- \*Removed around 200 trees since 2017 around greens, tees, and fairways
- \*Parking lots paved and lines repainted
- \*Increase lighting around pavilion & parking lot
- \*Outside of clubhouse painted and general repairs completed
- \*Golf shop and Champions Grille remodeled
- \*Women's locker room renovated
- \*Replaced and added several pieces of equipment for Champions Grille including additional freezer in 2022
- \*Added new tables and chairs in Champions Grille
- \*Conference room remodeled
- \*All new golf staff, operations manager, and grille staff added
- \*New awning installed over the back patio
- \*Installed sliding service window for access to orders via the back patio
- \*New furniture purchased for the back patio
- \*Added a handrail to the back patio steps
- \*New range balls purchased (every year)
- \*New bag racks installed at clubhouse area

### Completed Improvement Listing Since 2017 Continued

- \*Pavilion enclosed and painted inside
- \*Added awnings over the pavilion doorways
- \*Installed in the pavilion new flooring, a bar, new tables, and new chairs
- \*Added heat and air conditioning to the enclosed pavilion
- \*Added a TV and wireless internet to the pavilion
- \*Removed old and worn-out scoreboard
- \*Installed new POS system
- \*Improved tee time availability Friday-Sunday and holidays

### Planned Improvements and Expected Completion Time Frame

- \*Add a PA system to the enclosed pavilion (Spring 2022)
- \*Install observation deck with seating (Summer 2022)
- \*Initiate club fitting program (Spring 2022)
- \*Add an additional teeing area behind practice bunker at lesson tee (Summer 2022)

### Continued Benefits and Offerings

- \*Carry only top of the line demo and rental sets
- \*Clearly marked golf course for penalty areas and out of bounds
- \*Multiple membership categories to fit a wide variety of needs
- \*Member referral and monthly dues discount programs
- \*Annual dues and services prepayment program
- \*Discounts on merchandise
- \*Fully stocked golf shop with the newest equipment
- \*Non-assessable membership
- \*No food or beverage minimums
- \*All ABC alcohol permits
- \*One of the most extensive teaching programs offered with instruction from beginning juniors to tour professionals with over 8 teaching professionals on staff
- \*Over 150 years of PGA Membership experience on site in teaching and management roles
- \*Total Quality Management leadership program
- \*Dedicated member groups (both male and female) with blocked tee times every Monday-Friday throughout the year
- \*Access to over 100 member and social events offered throughout each year
- \*Club repair and alterations available
- \*Online tee time booking available
- \*PGA professionally ran golf events
- \*Carolinas Golf Association Interclub teams
- \*PGA Junior League team
- \*Operation 36 junior programs
- \*Reduced accompanied guest fees
- \*Member's only driving range plan
- \*Member's only golf cart plan
- \*Locker and club storage spots
- \*Reduced GHIN handicap fee and Carolinas Golf Association membership
- \*Full time starter and ranger program





## Superintendent — Rick Durham

I am pleased to announce that our irrigation project is complete. **Wildwood green is now fully automated!** This improvement will allow us to maximize all chemical and fertilizer applications that need to have irrigation. In the past we relied on mother nature and sometimes she did not cooperate. **Moisture management will improve with the ability to irrigate overnight and not interfere with play.**

Now that this project is behind us, we will be focusing on our landscaped areas. **Club ground shrubs are being trimmed and beds are being cleared for fresh pine straw.** Natural areas on the golf course will be clear cut and sprayed. Over thirty trees were removed this year. The majority of these were on the left side of hole fifteen. These trees have been removed to **improve playability and sunlight.** We plan to renovate fifteen tee boxes later this spring to provide a larger, better quality tee surface. **With spring right around the corner, the maintenance team is committed to improving Wildwood Green.**

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

## 1st Assistant — Carter Gerwitz



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 shotgun starts, and on weekends (Friday, Saturday, and Sundays) **after the 13th we start with tee times at 8:00am Friday-Sunday to get more members out on the course on the busier mornings.** Monday through Thursday the first tee time will be 8:30am, until we adjust hours again for daylight on April 1st.

My ears are open to all questions, comments, issues, or concerns anyone may have regarding anything here at Wildwood Green. **We rely on you guys telling us what you like and don't like** so that we can make changes where they are needed. Good, bad, indifferent, there are no stupid questions or comments! As always, I can be reached at [carter@wildwoodgreen.com](mailto:carter@wildwoodgreen.com).



## Head Teaching Professional — Dan Alton



**^Click Video to Watch^**

Quick Pro tip—DON'T pull the handle to hit down on the ball.  
Click the image above to find out why!

**"By making a few simple changes we can hit the ball higher, straighter, & further than before. Speed alone won't work unless you hit the correct angle into the ball. It's a lot easier than you think!"**

- Dan Alton Head Teaching Professional Wildwood Green Golf Club

Book Your Lesson Today! See the schedule, pick your time, and book your lesson - Right at your finger tips!

[www.danaltongolf.com](http://www.danaltongolf.com)



## Golf Shop Manager — Tommy Himebaugh

Hello all! **Our new 2022 clubs and equipment continues to arrive daily.** Please feel free to reach out to me with any special-order requests you have, and I will be happy to assist. Stop in and take a look at the Manager's Special. **We are offering 45% off all apparel though March 13th!** If you have any feedback, or suggestions on other items you would want to see us carry, send me an email. We look forward to seeing you at the course!

If you ever have any questions about placing a special order with us, please reach out to me directly at [Tommy@wildwoodgreen.com](mailto:Tommy@wildwoodgreen.com)





NEW PRODUCT ARRIVING DAILY!



TaylorMade Stealth Woods



Callaway Rogue Woods



Cobra Woods



Long Sleeve Men and Women



TaylorMade & Titleist Hats



Titleist Pro V1 Imprinted with "Where Champions Play"



## Grille Manager — Sunshine Stogner



**Happy March and hopefully warmer weather is coming!**

This month our Friday night **Take & Heat dinner will be on March 11th**. The Menu for 3/11 will include:

Chicken Enchiladas , corn tortillas filled with chicken, rice, onions, tomatoes, olives, lots of cheese and a delicious red sauce.

Served with shredded lettuce, sour cream, guacamole, chips and salsa and a side of refried beans. The price is \$15.00 all-inclusive.

For the **Champions Club Kick Off Event** we will have a **SUPER build your own SANDWICH** spread with lots of meat choices and several cold salads to choose from.

The **Tournament of Champions** event will have an optional boxed lunch of a Croissant Club with ham and turkey, cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, bacon, fresh cut fruit, assorted chips and a double chocolate brownie \$10.25

We have **NEW** pricing for the pavilion and other meeting areas! Let me know what I can do for your next party!

As always if any would like to see something for Friday night dinners please let me know at [Sunshine@wildwoodgreen.com](mailto:Sunshine@wildwoodgreen.com)







## The Golf Academy at Wildwood Green

### March 2022 Newsletter

**The spring semester of Operation 36 begins the week of March 14.** A few openings remain so go to our Academy webpage, [raleighgolflessons.com](http://raleighgolflessons.com), go to the Programs/ Junior Programs page and scroll into the Operation 36 information for all you need to know to register NOW! While on that page, **registration is now open for the Wildwood Green PGA Junior League teams for U13 and U17 league play.** Go to [pgajrleague.com](http://pgajrleague.com), search the Wildwood Green Golf Club teams and register for all the fun coming in late April through the end of June. **Wildwood Green is proud to be the host of a local Drive, Chip and Putt qualifier on Friday, June 24.** Register at [drivechipandputt.com](http://drivechipandputt.com).

Congrats to **Davis Flynn** for qualifying not just for his **Raleigh Charter High School** golf team but also **qualifying to be in the top 5 players for the first match**, achieving this as a freshman!!

The calendar says spring so tune that game up and bring your best golf to bear with some spring training from our group of highly experienced PGA Professionals. Each **PGA Professional has at least 20 years of experience helping clients play their best game of golf.** 2021 Carolinas PGA Teacher of the Year Jimmy Hamilton, Greg Greksa, Jeff Glatfelter, Pamela Rogers, Jeff Robinson and 1985 Carolinas PGA Teacher of the Year Ronnie Reitz are all ready to help you tune that game for spring and summer. **See the bios and contact information on the Academy webpage along with the lesson rates and packages offered.**



## Employee Spotlight — All of our College Seniors!



**Jimmy Hylton**

Q: Where are you from originally?

A: Winston Salem, North Carolina

Q: What School do you attend?

A: NC State University

Q: What is your major?

A: Business Administration (Supply Chain)

Q: What do you plan on doing post graduation?

A: Work in procurement/logistics



**Sam Young**

Q: Where are you from originally?

A: Raleigh, North Carolina

Q: What School do you attend?

A: NC State University

Q: What is your major?

A: Masters of Accounting

Q: What do you plan on doing post graduation?

A: Moving to Charlotte to work for PwC.



**Evan Prochaska**

Q: Where are you from originally?

A Mooresville, North Carolina

Q: What School do you attend?

A: NC State University

Q: What is your major?

A: Applied Mathematics and Economics with a minor in Financial Mathematics

Q: What do you plan on doing post graduation?

A: Working in Finance or an Actuary



## Employee Spotlight Continued — All of our College Seniors!

Q: Where are you from originally?

A: Waxhaw, North Carolina

Q: What School do you attend?

A: NC State University

Q: What is your major?

A: Paper Science and Engineering with a minor in Business Administration

Q: What do you plan on doing post graduation?

A: Work as a process Engineer for a Manufacturer after my summer internship



**Austin Schott**

Q: Where are you from originally?

A: Cary, North Carolina

Q: What School do you attend?

A: NC State University

Q: What is your major?

A: Business Administration (Finance) with a minor in Psychology

Q: What do you plan on doing post graduation?

A: Moving to Winston Salem to be a project manager



**Cam Ballance**

## Employee Spotlight Continued — All of our College Seniors!



**Carter Gerwitz**

Q: Where are you from originally?

A: Mooresville, North Carolina

Q: What School do you attend?

A: NC State University

Q: What is your major?

A: Agricultural Business Management, Minors in Turf-Grass Science and Entrepreneurship

Q: What do you plan on doing post graduation?

A: Continuing my career at Wildwood Green working my way towards my PGA Class A Certification

**Be sure to say your goodbye's to all of our graduating seniors as there time at Wildwood Green is drawing to a close. We thank them for everything they've done for the club and for the members!**





**2022**  
February  
Member-Member  
**RESULTS**

**Thank you for playing!!**

**Your February Member-Member Champions  
Lennie Barton and David Butler (67 - Gross)**



# Flight Winners

Flight A Winner — 1st Gross: Lennie Baron and David Butler



Flight A Winner — T-1st Net: Kevin Bentley and  
Jim Creagh





# Flight Winners

Flight A Winner — T-1st Net: Cory Niehaus and  
Tracie Ellis



Flight A Winner — T-1st Net: Bill Streigel and  
Allan Gustafson



# Flight Winners

Flight A Winner — T-1st Net: Tony Herring and Mark Nordin



Flight B Winner — 1st Net: Denice Short and Jack Short





# Flight Winners

Flight B — 2nd Net: John Dobyns and Michael Coats



Flight B — T-3rd Net: Matt Armistead and Trent Rhyne



# Flight Winners

Flight B — T-3rd Net: Jerry Bitzenhofer and Al Makila



Flight C — 1st Net: Laura Ross and Bowen Ross





# Flight Winners

Flight C — T-2nd Net: Michael Andres and Vinny Pisculli



Flight C — T-2nd Ed Bitz and Frank Hone



# Flight Winners

Flight C — T-2nd Net: Rich Bradley and Tony Parente





## Member Accomplishments



### CONGRATULATIONS

To US! Wildwood Green Golf Club once again led the Carolinas section — FOUR YEARS IN A ROW — in hole-in-one's this year with 24! Nine (9) were made on hole #17, seven (7) on Hole #12, five (5) on Hole #6, and three (3) on Hole #4.

Of the five (5) golfers in the section to make two (2) hole-in-ones during 2021, THREE (3) of them are Wildwood Green Members; Matt Armistead, Dennis Leisten, and Mark Nordin.

A big shoutout to Justin Miller as well, for his incredible accomplishment of making THREE (3) separate hole-in-one's this year; all here at Wildwood Green. Not only that, all were made on the 12th of the month (March, April, & December). Looks like you found a new lucky number!

To read more, follow the link below.

<https://www.carolinascgolf.org/blog-post/home/homepage/year/2022/id/378795/cgacers-club>

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

## Member Accomplishments



### Mark Nordin Hole-In-One

While playing in a Two-day Individual CGA Tournament at Mid Pines/Pine Needles on Tuesday 2/22/22 Mark scored a hole-in-one. It was on the 11th hole at Mid Pines and it was playing 132 yards that day. He drew a nice 9-iron into the green that hit the pin then landed in the cup.

Mark went on to win his flight "gross" with a one stroke victory. A double win for the two-day event!

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



**Employee Accomplishments**



[Click Here to View Jimmy's Website](#)

**Jimmy Hamilton  
Palmer Maples Teacher of the Year**

Wildwood Green would like to congratulate our very own Jimmy Hamilton for being the recipient of the Carolinas PGA Special Award for the Palmer Maples Teacher of the Year!

This award bestows special recognition on a PGA Professional in the entire Carolinas Section who has performed outstanding service as a golf instructor. Jimmy has made a tremendous impact on teaching and golf instruction in the Section, and has a high level of involvement in junior golf activities here at Wildwood Green.

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

## Upcoming Events

[Go Here to View the March Monthly Events Calendar](#)





Upcoming Events



**March Poker Night!**

**Monday, March 7th 6:00 PM**

The background of the poster is a photograph of a golf course green with a yellow flag, surrounded by trees. In the bottom left and right corners, there are illustrations of a hand of four Aces (Ace of Spades, Ace of Clubs, Ace of Diamonds, Ace of Hearts).



**Champion Club Event  
2022 Kickoff Event**

*\*Champion Club Members Only*

**Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 AM Shotgun**

Below the text, there are three small photographs of golfers. The first photo shows two men standing on a golf course. The second photo shows four people (three men and one woman) standing together. The third photo shows two men standing on a golf course.

**Save the Date!**

Upcoming Events

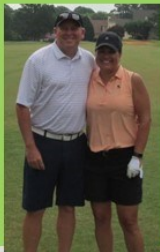
## Tournament of Champions

\*March 2021-February 2022 Tournament Winners

Saturday, March 26th - 9:00 AM Shotgun

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Included with your entry is range balls before play, on-course contests, and gift certificates to the winners!**





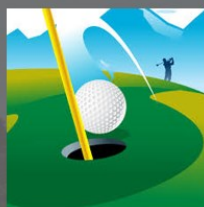
## No Smoking Under The Patio!

Smokers - we are asking that you DO NOT smoke underneath the back patio awning. Please step off of the patio and be sure to place your butts in the provided "Site Saver" located near the steps. **We have found too many cigarette butts thrown over the railing and do not want to see this going forward!**



## Acer's Club

### Acers Club at Wildwood Green



**On September 18<sup>th</sup>, Rick Beebe 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!**

## Golf Course Hours

## Hours of Operation

Effective March 1st – March 13th

<u>Day of the Week</u>	<u>Golf Shop Hours</u>	<u>First Tee Time</u>	<u>Range Hours</u>
Monday-Thursday	8:30am - 6:00pm	9:00am	8:30am – 5:30pm
Friday-Saturday	9:00am - 6:00pm	10:00am	9:00am – 5:30pm
Sunday	9:00am - 6:00pm	10:00am	9:00am – 3:00pm *RANGE CLOSSES AT 3:30pm*

Champions Grille Hours: Monday – Sunday: 9:00am – 4:30pm

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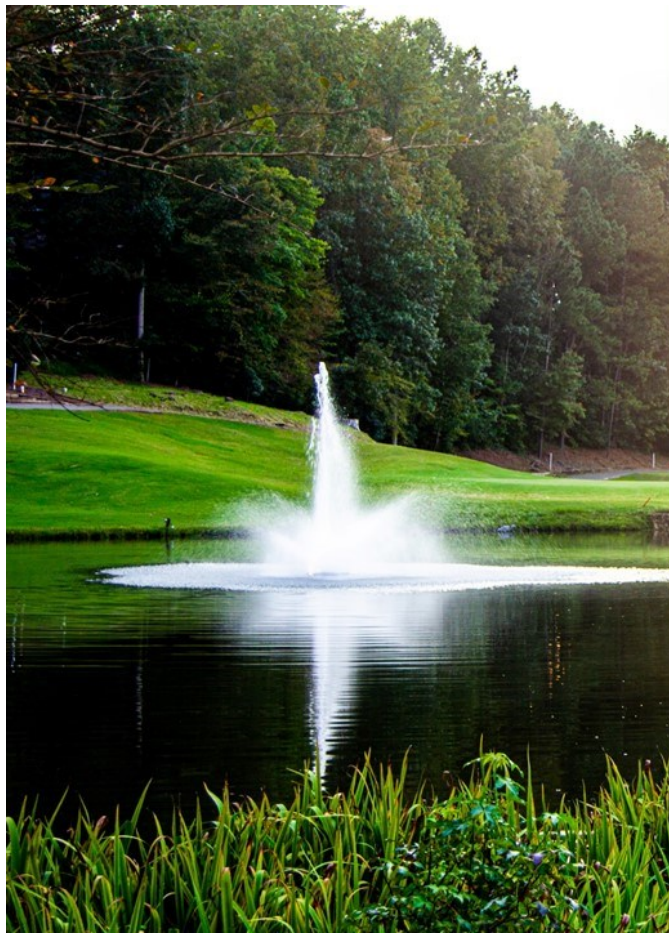
Effective March 14th

<u>Day of the Week</u>	<u>Golf Shop Hours</u>	<u>First Tee Time</u>	<u>Range Hours</u>
Monday-Thursday	8:00am - 7:00pm	8:30am	8:00am – 6:00pm
Friday-Saturday	7:30am - 7:00pm	8:00am	7:30am – 6:00pm
Sunday	7:30am - 7:00pm	8:00am	7:30am – 4:00pm *RANGE CLOSSES AT 4:30pm*

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Monthly Events Calendar



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