

# March 2024 Newsletter

## Wildwood Green Golf Club

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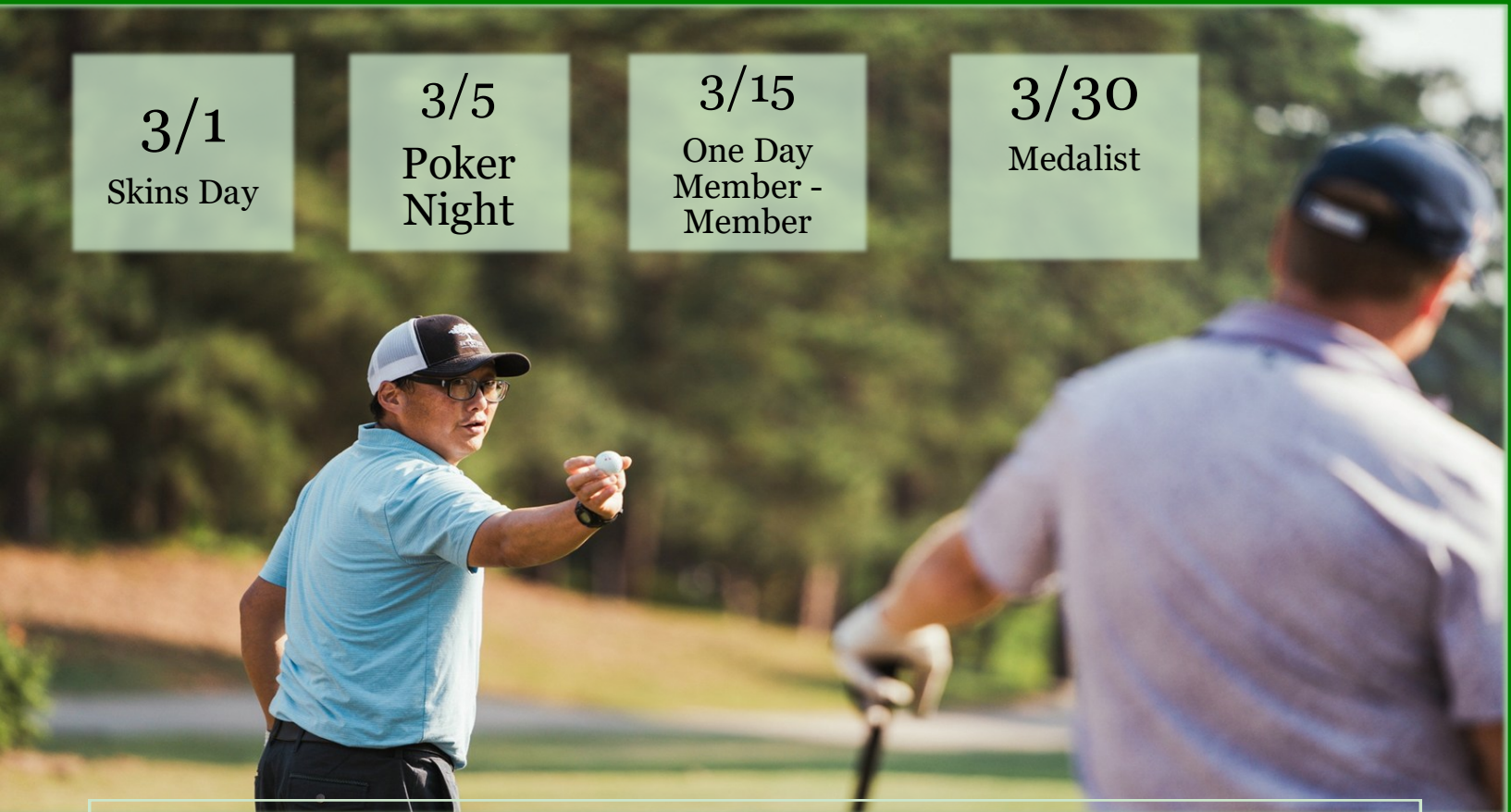


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## **Roger Watson: 1945-2025**

We are saddened to announce the passing of Roger Watson, developer and majority owner of Wildwood Green Golf Club. Roger developed the facility starting in 1986 and with his family has owned Wildwood Green for 39 years. He is married to the former Sandy Morris of High Point, and the couple has two children, son Chip and daughter Molly Maack, five grandchildren, and one great grandchild.



Roger's playing legacy includes his victory over Sam Snead to win the national PGA Club Championship in 1974, which he defended the following year. He went on to play in major tournaments, including the US Open and PGA Championship, and earned Player of the Year honors in the Carolinas PGA Section. A High Point native, Roger was a former NAIA All-American and won the 1969 North Carolina Open. He was inducted into three Halls of Fame, including the Carolinas Golf Hall of Fame and NC



## **Wildwood Green Legacy and Philosophy**

Although Roger was involved with many golf projects in his lifetime, Wildwood Green was the flagship course of the company, and the one that he cared about and valued the most. This has shown up through the years with the many improvement projects, member events, landscaping, and genuine leadership of a family-owned business. He ALWAYS wanted to make things better and offer a “bang for your buck” to the members and guests. We want to thank him and his family for their incredible contributions to the golf community, especially here at Wildwood Green, and hope they find peace during this difficult time.

## In Memoriam



### David Waldrup 1955-2025

With heavy hearts, we mourn the passing of David Waldrup. A cherished member of Wildwood Green Golf Club, David's warm spirit and camaraderie on the course will be deeply missed. He was beloved by his playing partners and remembered fondly by everyone at the club.

### Rick Giglio 1938-2025

The Wildwood Green Golf Club mourns the loss of Rick Giglio, a passionate and dedicated member. Rick was a fixture on the course, an avid participant in the Gaggle, and a familiar face during Wildoats rounds, often playing up to five times a week. His enthusiasm for the game and his presence within the golfing community will be





## Director of Golf — Carter Gerwitz



Hello Members,

It has been an unpredictable start to the year weather wise but myself and my team have made great progress inside and out! We are excited to get started this year with the season quickly approaching. This year, I'm *laser-focused* on improving every aspect of the Wildwood Green experience for YOU—our members, visitors, and guests. The main goal? To make it crystal clear that **Wildwood Green truly values its members above all else**. It's not just about physical and visual upgrades on the course, but also about refining **operations, policies, and staffing**. These include but are not limited to promoting a positive staff culture, bringing back an emphasis on outside customer service (bag drop, ride share, cleaning clubs), and a goal of further improving external operations like the starter and ranger programs. Over the past 15 months, **staff and management** have worked tirelessly to improve the member experience. We've put a strong emphasis on prioritizing your needs and making you feel valued. That said, some **personnel changes** may be necessary to elevate specific areas, so keep an eye out for **new faces**—inside and outside—over the coming weeks and months!

### A Few Important Scheduling Updates: Shotgun & Tee Times:

- **Friday-Sunday Shotguns** will continue through the time change on **March 9th** (2:00 AM).
- From **March 9th** onward, we'll switch back to **tee times** starting at **8:30 AM** every day of the week.
- **March 8th:** 10 AM Shotgun  
**March 9th:** First tee time at **8:30 AM**

### Driving Range Hours:

- **March 1st—March 8th:** Last bucket sold at **5:30 PM** (Mon-Sat) & **3:30 PM** (Sunday)
- **March 9th—March 31st:** Last bucket sold at **6:30 PM** (Mon-Sat) & **4:30 PM** (Sunday)
- The **range will close 30 minutes** after the last bucket is sold. **Sunday clean pick** means earlier range closure. Your understanding is appreciated!

## Director of Golf — Carter Gerwitz



**High School/University Play:** Wildwood has a rich history of junior success, and it is always a priority of the management and ownership to give juniors every opportunity possible to succeed through using Wildwood and its facilities. That being said, we all know how busy it can get some days out here and adding high school teams or university teams doesn't always help that cause. High School and University play will mainly take place on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursday's from 3:00-4:30. It is our intention to keep them consolidated to those time periods and not take away range spots, putting green spots, or tee times during those prime after work hours (4:30pm-6:30pm during the season). There will be no high school play on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. Meredith University will have limited access on Saturday afternoons. All coaches and players have been informed of our pace of play policies and informed that repeat offences may lead to the team be pulled off the course, even in a match. All coaches and players have also been informed to limit their usage of the practice facilities as to not interfere with members doing the same. Meaning we want a team of 6-8 players to use 2-3 spots on the driving range or 1-2 cups on the putting green instead of everyone spreading out and taking their own station, limiting the members from having proper access.

### **Tee Time Waitlist – Don't Miss**

We know how tough it can be to get a tee time, especially during peak hours, but my team and I are here to help! If you're not seeing any available tee times online, don't give up—CALL or EMAIL the golf shop to get on the waitlist. You have a great chance of getting your preferred tee time!

A little tip from me: Do you just look online or do you call to get on the waitlist? If you're only checking online 10 days ahead and not getting results, you're missing out. Get on the waitlist—we can't help you if we don't know you're looking!

Please email me at [carter@wildwoodgreen.com](mailto:carter@wildwoodgreen.com) with any questions, comments, or concerns.

**1st Assistant Golf Professional — Drew Moore**

Dear Members,

We're excited for our next member event on **March 15th**, welcoming up to **120 players!** This event will follow a **Texas Scramble** format:

- Each player in the foursome will tee off.
- The team will then select the best tee shot, and each player will play their own ball from that spot for the remainder of the hole.

**Optional Side Games** (*cash payment on the day of play*):

- **Hat Pool** – \$40
- **Skins** – \$40

Additionally, the **Masters Pool** will open on **March 27th**.

Be sure to register for the **Monthly Medalist Game on March 30th!** The entry fee is **\$20**, payable in cash on the day of play.

**Club Update:**

Stop by the **pro shop** to check out our latest arrivals, including **new golf bags, logo hats, and more!**

**Course Impact Notice:**

Due to the tournament on **April 5th**, there will be **no tee times available on Friday, March 21st**, as the course will host a **double shotgun** event.

We look forward to seeing you on the course!



## **Superintendent — Rick Durham**

After a warm, wet February, March has a forecast of above average temperatures. With the warmer temperatures we have had to move agronomic applications to earlier dates than planned. The golf course has been pre emerged for summer annual weeds. This application will prevent weeds such as crabgrass and goosegrass from germinating. Once germinated these weeds can be difficult to control and it is always better to prevent them from showing up. A follow up application later in the spring could be applied to help aide control through the long sizzling summer. Greens have woken up a little and mowing has become more consistent. We will however leave the greens covers out through March just in case there is a significant dip in temperatures. We have exceeded our bunker renovation total and only have five bunkers to do. Number seven, eight, nine and eleven will be completed late summer or early fall. Please keep in mind that with new sand it will take time to settle and pack down. Entry into the new bunkers should be done on the lower side. We have purchased new sand trap rakes with stickers that read leave rakes in bunkers. Minimal maintenance landscaping is being planted using different varieties of ornamental grasses. These ornamentals will provide stabilization to areas we have had trouble growing turf due to water and traffic issues. Different varieties have been chosen that produce aesthetic colors during the growing season. The project that we currently have going on is clearing the right side of number nine. Nine trees have been removed and we will be grading the area and sodding. This has opened the right side up and will help with playability and pace of play. I would like to thank you for all your comments and suggestions and as always, I can be reached at [rdurham@wildwoodgreen.com](mailto:rdurham@wildwoodgreen.com)



## The Golf Academy at Wildwood Green



# March 2025 Newsletter

We are all saddened by the passing of Roger Watson. Roger supported us and our programs as robustly as could be asked for. Roger was always a big supporter of junior golf and growing the game. We are better people and golf professionals for having known and been associated with Roger Watson. You will be missed and rest in peace!

The Spring Semester of Operation 36 will be starting March 9 for 8 weeks. There are still some openings in classes ranging from ages 3-4, 5-6, 6-10, 10-13, 13-17 and adults. Go to our Academy webpage by linking Instruction on the wildwoodgreen.com webpage on Instruction or raleighgolflessons.com, go to the Adult and Junior Operation 36 page and drop down box and scroll through the Operation 36 information for policies, guidelines, tuition, fees, how to register on the Operation 36 platform and for classes and the list of classes, supervised practices and On Course Challenge Events for the spring.

Registration is now open for our PGA Junior League Competitive Team for ages U13. Go to the Adult and Junior Operation 36 page and drop down box to see the PGA Junior League information. You may also go to pgajrleague.com, search for the Wildwood Green team in Raleigh to register. Our season will be competitions with other area clubs and will run from late April into early July.

We are all looking forward to warmer weather and getting back to playing more golf. Contact us to get your game back in shape or improve areas you wish to be better. The Instructors page on the webpage, raleighgolflessons.com, has our bios and contact information for our staff of 7 that has over 200 years experience teaching and coaching the game. Book your spots now before our appointment books become full.

Our clubfitting program is ready to launch with options for part of the fee credited to club purchases. We have and will use TrackMan and FullSwing launch monitors to find the clubs that will perform best for YOU! No guessing, all data based fitting information. Set your appointments with Jeff Robinson and Joe Mullen directly for your prefitting questionnaire and initial data acquisition.



## Grille Manager — Sunshine Stogner



### Happy March!

Hello members, it's been good to see everyone again! It's been a cold and snowy start to this year but now we kick things off!!

March 15th, we have our Member Day!

Make sure you stop on in the grille and get a couple of  
\$2.00 hot dogs and  
select \$2.00 beers (while they last)

**We will have BINGO!!! On the 21st!!**

It's been too long, let's play a game!!

Please sign up! [sunshine@wildwoodgreen.com](mailto:sunshine@wildwoodgreen.com)



It is that time again where we welcome new faces in the grille!

Please help me with the initial training and bring to my attention anything that needs to be addressed.

We welcome

Makayla, Taryn, Ben and Payton





## Upcoming Events

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



[Go Here to View the 2025 Member Events Booklet](#)



## March Hours

## Hours of Operation

Effective March 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>

<u>Day of the Week</u>	<u>Golf Shop Hours</u>	<u>First Tee Time</u>	<u>Range Hours</u>
Monday-Thursday	8:30am - 5:00pm	9:00am	8:30am - 5:30pm
Friday-Saturday	9:00am - 5:00pm	10:00am SG	9:00am - 5:30pm
Sunday	9:00am - 6:00pm	10:00am SG	9:00am - 4:30pm *RANGE CLOSSES AT 3:00pm*

**Champions Grille Hours: CLOSED Mondays**  
**Tuesday-Sunday 9:00am-4:00pm**

## Hours of Operation

Effective March 9<sup>th</sup>

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Monday-Saturday	8:00am - 6:00pm	8:30am	8:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday	8:00am - 6:00pm	8:30am	8:00am - 4:00pm *RANGE CLOSSES AT 4:30pm*

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

Upcoming Events

# Skins Day!



Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

## March Poker Night



Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 PM



Upcoming Events

# TIME CHANGE

Don't forget to set your alarm – tee times are moving up!



## FIRST TEE TIMES:

Beginning **Sunday, March 9th**

Sunday: **8:30am**

Monday – Thursday: **8:30am**



March One Day Member-Member  
(Texas Scramble)



Saturday, March 15th  
10:00am Shotgun



## Upcoming Events

### *Masters Pool – Opens Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>*

#### **Masters Pool Payouts**

**Masters Winner as Partner – 10%**

**Blind Draw Winner – 10%**

**The remaining purse will be paid out as follows:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – 40%**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 30%**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 20%**

**4<sup>th</sup> Place – 10%**

**Pool Closes Noon Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**\$5.00 per entry.  
Unlimited number  
of entries! SCORES  
MUST BE ATTESTED**



# MASTERS

## Medalist

**SIGN UP NOW**  
**Blue and Gold Tee**  
**Divisions Available**

**Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM TT**

## Announcements



**Where Champions Play!**

# Course Etiquette

There are many aspects involved in maintaining a golf course. The superintendent has the biggest role to play, but there is immense responsibility on the members and players of the course to maintain its status and improve overall conditions. The upkeep the players on the course have during their round makes the job of the superintendent easier on a day-to-day basis and will improve conditions in the long run. Do your part to ensure that our course continues to improve and be the best course it can



## WildFlowers Newsletter



### An Irish Golf Blessing

May your swing be straight  
and the ball fly far.  
May your round be blessed  
With no worse than par.



[Click Image Above for the Month's Wildflowers Newsletter](#)



## Announcements



# RANGE HOURS

January: 4:30 PM	July: 7:30 PM
February: 5:00 PM	August: 7:00 PM
March: 5:30 PM / 6:00 PM	September: 6:30 PM
April: 6:30 PM	October: 6:00 PM
May: 7:00 PM	November: 5:30 PM / 4:30 PM
June: 7:30 PM	December: 4:30 PM

The last driving range bucket will be sold at the times below and the driving range will open 30 minutes prior to the first tee time. The driving range will have a hard closing 30 minutes after the last bucket is sold. We will follow a rotation between mats and grass, weather, and maintenance dependent. In March and November, there is a time noted before and after the time changes.

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



**No Smoking Under The Patio!**



**Acer's Club—POT GETTING BIG!**



## **Acers Club at Wildwood Green**

Previous Winner: Matt Weidig (February 2023)

**\$5 Entry**  
**Get in Now!**

**Entire Pot to the Winner!**





## Monthly Events Calendar



# March 2025

## EVENT CALENDAR OUT NOW

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