



April 2009

**Wildwood Green Golf Club
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Mark Twain once remarked: "Always do right. This will gratify some people, and astonish the rest."

Your new Wildwood Green Golf Club Golf Shop Staff begins its first full season, and one of our goals is to provide our members and guest the best golf experience possible each and everyday. I am very excited about the members of our Golf Professional Staff starting with PGA Head Professional John Budwine.

John Budwine is an experienced Professional, and has been working diligently training the staff all winter. Serving the membership is his top priority whether it be helping improve your golf game with a lesson or smoothly running a member golf tournament.

Jason Jeffries is your new Tournament Director, and he has never met a stranger. Jason love meeting people as much as he enjoys playing and teaching the game of golf.

Robert Caldwell is one of our NC State graduates on staff, and he will direct the outside operations. If you're a football fan Robert was a defensive end (#88) for the Wolfpack. Tar Heel quarterbacks were glad to see Robert graduate.

Joe Quinn, a New Jersey native, joined our staff last fall, and he anchors our golf cart staff. Joe loves the game of golf, and will be an instructor at the Wildwood Green Golf Academy.

Chase Duncan played collegiate golf at NC State lettering all four years. Chase will be one of the lead instructors at the Wildwood Green Golf Academy.

Kate Wells joins our Staff after graduating with honors from St. Johns University. Kate will assist Jason Jeffries with event planning and in the Golf Shop.

Andy Prichard, an Ohio native and Ohio State graduate, joins our staff as Special Projects Manager. Andy builds and publishes the Wildwood Green Golf Club newsletter. If you're a sports fan you'll enjoy talking with Andy.

Willis Denmark
General Manager/Golf Director

New Members

William Burke
Hubert Barham
James Brown
Gayle Henderson
Bryan Copeland
Randolph Frasor
Charles Hassinger & Family
Bill Hanks
Gene Thoman
Paul Pratto
George Rhyne
Ron Hyman & Family
F Leslie Boyd
Tim Mansfield
Scott Benson
Ken Mayhew
William Sikes
Brian Toothman
Mike Riddick
Gordon Bell

Member/Staff Spotlight

Junior Member, 15-year-old Grayson Murray was featured in the April 2009 Edition of Golf Magazine. The current Wildwood Green Golf Club Champion is labeled "The Boy Wonder". In the article they compare Grayson's accomplishments to that of Tiger Woods. Grayson has won his first 3 Callaway Junior Championships and is gunning for his 4th consecutive win which would match Tiger Woods. Grayson started playing when he was 7 years old, by the time he was 9 or 10 he was shooting in the 70s consistently. It was then he realized he might be pretty good at this game.

Grayson's best round of golf came in a tournament at the TPC in Virginia Beach when the wind was really gusting. He shot a 63, stating he plays well in the wind. Grayson obviously plays well anytime he puts the peg in the ground. As a freshman in high school Grayson plays golf for Leesville High, but has his sights on playing at Wake Forest in College and then the PGA Tour. Look out Tiger!

Another Junior Member Ryan Gerard, was featured in the March 4, 2009 addition of the News & Observer. The title of the Article was "Golf prodigy on a roll". The article begins with a few quotes from his father and Wildwood Green Member Bob Gerard. "Golf ball" was Ryan's first compound word. Mr. Gerard states, "Ryan literally had a set of plastic golf clubs from the day he was born and he started practicing on the putting green at 15 months". Ryan's golf resume at the age of 9 is already an impressive one. In the 2005 Jack Ratz Junior Memorial Tournament at Wildwood Green for boys 10 and under, Ryan finished 3rd, he was only 5 years old. Ryan has won more than 20 youth tournaments and was the player-of-the-year in the 2007 Kids Triad Local Tour and the 2008 U.S. Kids Golf Raleigh Local Tour. At the age of 6, Ryan carded his first under par competitive score with a 35 at the Hillandale Golf Club in Durham.

This past May he played in the U.S. Kids European Championship in Scotland and placed 9th at the difficult Kilspindie Golf Club. Ryan says that Pinehurst No. 4 is the hardest course he has played on as the whole course is full of bunkers and water hazards.

If you see a young man with a baseball cap and sun glasses, practicing on the Putting Green, it is a good chance that it is 4th grader, Ryan Gerard.

Member News

Excellent Golf Accomplishments

- Cliff Seastrunk was at it again. On February 24, 2009, Cliff and his partner Robert Yow, won the Carolinas Golf Association Senior Four-Ball One-Day Tournament at Mid Pines Inn and Golf Club in Southern Pines, NC. Their Team Gross Score of 68 dusted the **A Flight** field by 4 shots.
- The Senior Harris Teeter Tour held an event at River Ridge Golf Club on March 26, 2009. Two Wildwood Green Members had excellent showings. Bob Rudolph shot a 76 and finished one stroke behind the winner for a share of 2nd place in the **A Flight**. Playing in the **C Flight**, Arnold Ewing shot a nice round of 85, just 3 shots off the winner and taking home 3rd place. Mr. Ewing's round would have tied for 1st place in the **B Flight**.

One Ace in March

- On 3/10/09, Rick Bradley Aced the 17th hole playing from the Gold Tees. Mr. Bradley used a Pitching Wedge to record his 2nd hole-in-one of his career. Witnessing this feat were playing partners Fred Watkins, Bob Debart and Alton Lowe.

Congratulations to all of these Members!

John Budwine
Head Golf Professional



Wildwood Green GC Golf Academy

Presents this month's Focus on Fundamentals

By

Jason Jeffries



Keep your Head Up

From the beginning of our golfing experience we have been told to keep our head down while hitting a golf shot. Along with keeping our head down, we have been told to keep our head still.

How do you keep your head down and still at the same time?

When our head is down our chin gets buried into our chest. If you make a good shoulder turn when you swing, your head has to move.

What is the solution?

The solution is to keep your head/chin up and peak down at the ball. This position will allow you to keep your head still and allow for a full shoulder turn around a fixed axis.

Give this a try. I bet you will become a better ball striker.

For more golf advice and individual attention, schedule a lesson with a WWG Golf Academy Certified Instructor.

Golf Shop News

Starting with the April 4th/5th Weekend
Weekend First Tee Time will start at 7:00 AM
Starting Monday April 6th
Weekday First Tee Time will start at 7:30 AM

I'm sure you have noticed our 2 new Golf Shop Employees.

*Operations Manager, Robert Caldwell
from Raleigh, NC*



*Golf Shop Manager, Kate Wells from
Youngstown, OH*



New Wildwood Green Bag Tags \$6.95, Personalized WWG Bag Tags



Front



Back

**Econo Buster - Refinished
Titleist Pro V1 & Pro V1X on sale in
the Golf Shop. Why not pay less for
the same performance?**



April 2009 Tournament Schedule

April 4

Men's Tournament Package 1 - 1 Best Ball of Four-some

April 17

Men's One-Day Member-Guest

April 18

Women's Tournament Package 1 - 1 Best Ball Net

April 25

Men's Tournament Package 2 - Points

Sign Up Sheets can be printed out from the Web-Site. In the Member Area of the Web-Site go to the Sign Up Sheet page, click on the Event you are interested in, print, fill out and return the sheet to the Golf Shop with your payment.

**Jason Jeffries
Tournament Director**



Rules Tip of the Month

Rule 28: Ball Unplayable

The player may deem his ball unplayable at any place on the course except when the ball is in a water hazard. The player is the sole judge as to whether his ball is unplayable.

If the player deems his ball to be unplayable, he must, *under penalty of one stroke*:

- Play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played (see Rule 20-5), or
- Drop a ball behind the point where the ball lay, keeping that point directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind that point the ball may be dropped; or
- Drop a ball within two club-lengths of the spot where the ball lay, but not nearer the hole.

If the unplayable ball is in a bunker, the player may proceed under Clause a, b or c. If he elects to proceed under Clause b or c, a ball must be dropped in the bunker.

The ball may be lifted and cleaned when proceeding under this Rule.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF RULE:

Match play — Loss of hole; Stroke play — Two strokes.

Course Update

Spring has finely arrived and it is a much welcome site. The greens have thawed and are beginning to respond well with the warmer weather upon us. It will not be long before the fairways, tees and the dreaded rough begin to green up. For the month of April you will see the addition of sand and drainage to the bunkers. We will also be applying our summer weed control on fairways, tees and rough. With all the inclement weather we have been having and until the Bermuda grass actually begins to grow please use caution with cart traffic even when the cart rules allow you off the paths. I am looking forward to a very good spring and hope to see you all on the course.

Rick Durham
Golf Course Superintendent

Wildwood Green Golf Club Announces Callaway/Mizuno Demo Day

Wednesday April 22, 2009
5:00PM - 7:00PM



Two of the Best Companies in Golf will have their latest and greatest out on our range this month. Come out and try the newest equipment in golf.



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