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Pace of Play

Pace of Play is an aspect of Golf that concerns us all. We are always trying our best to improve the Pace of Play at Wildwood Green. We need every Member's help in this area. Playing at a good pace is actually very simple. **Always be ready when it is your turn to play a Shot.** While the first person in your group is getting ready to swing, be ready with your club when it is your turn. Don't be sitting in the Cart! Be ready to play.! While the person furthest away is ready to play their shot, check your yardage and select a few clubs to carry to your ball. After your partner has hit their shot, you will have already approached your ball and will be ready to hit your shot. You will be very surprised how much quicker you'll play by being ready when it is your turn to play and only sitting in the Golf Cart when it is moving down the fairway. Please encourage your playing partners to be ready when it is their turn. Always feel free to share your thoughts to our Golf Shop Staff on how we can improve the Pace of Play.

A good example of a group that plays at a great pace is the foursome pictured to the right. There is not a spring chicken in the bunch. Actually, Hilliard Green says everyone in their group is as old as Dirt!

Clubhouse and Golf Course Improvements

By now I'm sure you've noticed we are continuing to improve your club. Rick Durham and his staff are sodding several areas the members helped us target, and the recent rain will help these areas grow in at a faster rate. The Starter's Station by the First Tee and Practice Range has recently been completed, and is now operational. We have repainted the Halfway house, and now we are painting the inside of the Clubhouse. Our plan is to paint the Member's Locker rooms and Bathrooms, then the public bathrooms along all other areas as needed. We are trying to stay out of the way while painting by doing it as late in the day as possible. The new paint smell will be temporary. In the long run these improvements will benefit us all.

Willis Denmark
General Manager/Golf Director
PGA Professional



Left to right: Red Culp; Hilliard Greene;
 Jack Finrock; and Dwight Green

We're four good friends, and we really do have fun.

Sometimes we have trouble walking, and we sure can't run.

We love the game of golf, and play 3 times a week.

We usually hit the ball, and it plays hide and seek!

We do have our problems; sometimes we really hurt.

With 334 years between us, we know we are as old as dirt!

July 22, 2009 The fearsome foursome scores:

Red Culp: Age 88	Score 78
Hilliard Green: Age 80	Score 79
Jack Finrock: Age 75	Score 82
Dwight Greene: Age 91	Score 91

3 of the 4 shot there age or better. The young kid in the group didn't.

Member News

Excellent Golf Accomplishments

- Bill Harris shot his career low with a 66 back on June 12, 2009. Great Round!
- Dr. Ralph James was at it again, shooting a 66 on July 3, 2009.
- Denise Kanp recorded a career low round of 76 on July 7, 2009.
- Debbie Womble shot her career low with a 95.
- In the ladies 3rd Package Event on July 11, 2009, Vicki Norton shot a personal best 91, which resulted in a Net 62.
- Arnold Ewing shot his age of 78 twice this month, once on July 11th and again in the Men's 4th Package Event on July 25th.

Bob Rudolph continues to play great golf this season with a Runner-Up (75) finish in the "A" Flight in the Down East Harris Teeter Tour event in Goldsboro, NC on July 29, 2009. Great play Bob!

Congratulations to all of these Members!

Please let us know when you're playing in a golf tournament away from Wildwood Green. We'd like to share the results with all your friends.

John Budwine
Head Golf Professional



Wildwood Green Golf Club's Head Golf Professional, John Budwine, played another solid tournament (75, 73) with his T-15 finish at the Carolinas PGA Senior Section Championship against the best Senior PGA Professionals in North & South Carolina at Sunset Beach, NC.

Recently, John missed qualifying for the US SENIOR OPEN Championship at The Governors Club by 1 shot where he shot 71. Great Playing John!!!

Wildwood Green GC Golf Academy

Presents this month's Focus on Fundamentals

By
Zack Goldberg



"Tic Toc Goes the Clock"

While Observing many golfers, both on and off the course, I see them with inconsistent putting strokes. The typical one that I see is the "jabbing" motion. Why are they doing that, you may ask?

Many golfers read in magazines and golf articles that the proper putting stroke is a short back swing with an accelerating follow through. I strongly believe the best putting strokes are made when you accelerate through the ball at impact. As for the short back-swing, I believe it can lead to more problems (especially with longer putts).

I see too many golfers focusing on the length of their back-swing which tends to lead to a decelerating stroke or they end up "jabbing" at the ball at impact.

My teaching philosophy revolves around the Rhythm and Tempo of the golf swing. Rather than focusing on the length of the back-swing, a player should take the club back to a comfortable spot to where they can make a clean putt at the ball. With this, you will *feel* the ball roll off the face smoother and more consistently.

Have confidence in each putting stroke and you will make more putts.

Less Putts = Lower Score

Always feel free to ask one of your Wildwood Green PGA Professionals when you have a question about your golf game.

Golf Shop News

August 2009 Hours of Operation

Weekend First Tee Time will start at 6:30 AM

Weekday First Tee Time will start at 7:00 AM



The Battle at Ballybunion Member Guest

Date: August 14-15-16

Format: Best Ball Gross PLUS Best Ball Net

Time: 8:30am MSG Saturday and Sunday

7:00am-1:00pm Friday Practice Round

Entry for you and your guest will include:

- 3 Days of Green and Cart Fees
- Club Storage and Cleaning
 - Range Balls
- Continental Breakfast Saturday and Sunday
 - Tee Gifts
 - Beverages on Course
 - Friday Stag Party
- Saturday and Sunday Social
 - Trophies and Prizes

Entry fee: \$250 per team

Value: \$750

Flight Winners will receive a Tommy Midyette painting of Hole #12 at Wildwood Green Golf Club



August 2009 Tournament Schedule

August 2

Couples Captain's Choice

August 3

Jack Ratz Jr Memorial

August 8

Ladies 4th Package Event

August 14 - 16

Battle at Ballybunion Member-Guest

August 31

Pro - Am

Member Events

August 27

Grill & Chill



Rule Questions & Answers

Rule 17-1

Attending Flagstick When Ball Off Putting Green

Q. May I have the flagstick attended when my ball lies off the putting green?

A. Yes, the provisions of Rule 17-1 apply regardless of the location of the ball, provided the attending does not unduly delay play.

Rule 19-5

Ball in Motion Hits Another Ball at Rest

Q. Steve's ball was at rest on the putting green, and Cindy plays from just off the green, and her ball hits Steve's ball. What must Cindy do?

A. Cindy must play her ball as it lies with no penalty. In stroke play only, if Cindy's ball lay on the putting green prior to the stroke, she will incur a penalty of two strokes.

Rule 15-2

Can I use a Putting Ball?

Q. Once I reach the putting green, is it permissible to switch balls so I can putt with a ball that has "better feel?"

A. Rule 15-2 requires a player to hole out with the ball played from the teeing ground unless he is proceeding under a Rule that permits him to substitute another ball. Thus, the substitution of a ball on the putting green other than when permitted by the Rules (i.e. a ball unfit for play) is contrary to Rule 15-2. However, a player may change golf balls between the play of two holes.

Course Update

Greetings Wildwood Green Members

As many of you might have notice over the month of July the maintenance team has added ropes and cart directional signs to manage traffic and course wear. In addition to these necessary improvements, sod has been added to several areas on the course and these areas will be closed to traffic and play. The sod covered areas will be considered ground under repair until they have healed completely.

Aerification is scheduled for September 8th and 9th. This practice is necessary to reduce soil compaction and improve water and air infiltration into the soil profile. Thanks for all the positive remarks and as always, I am available via e-mail (rick@wildwoodgreen.com) with questions or concerns. See you on the links.

Rick Durham
Golf Course Superintendent

Wildwood Green Radio Ad:

From the world of the legends of golf, there is a new name. In the tradition of Bagger Vance and the one called Tiger....comes Buck Swami. The tails are legendary, from a Hole-in-One on a Par 4, to a 400 yard drive. He is like no other.

To learn more about this legend of golf visit Wildwood Green Golf Club off Strickland road in North Raleigh. For a tee time or to learn about the new Triple Play Membership visit www.wildwoodgreen.com.



Buck Swami



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