



2009 Annual Report

Dear Wildwood Green Members,

As we prepare for the upcoming 2010 golf season, our top priority continues to be serving our members with professional quality service in every area of the club. Our Total Quality Management process which was started in 1992 has been the area of our training focus in 2009, and the results have benefited our members and guests with a higher quality service level delivered with more consistency.

The 2009 Annual Report reviews all areas of the club. Each department head at Wildwood Green Golf Club shares an overview of the entire year which should give you a clear picture of everything we accomplished this year. All comments cards and surveys have helped the staff improve services. This report addresses our overall performance, staff changes, capital improvements, new website, financial status of the club, and **MOVING TOWARD GOING MORE PRIVATE.**

Our overall goals for 2010:

1. Continue to improve the conditioning of the Golf Course, especially the greens.
2. Increase membership and continue Toward Going More Private.
3. Grow member social activities at the club
4. Enhance the golfing experience by continuing to improve customer satisfaction
5. Improve Pace of Play
6. Improve member tournaments
7. Improve the food and/beverage quality

Staff Changes:

2009 was the first full season our new professional golf shop staff directed golf operations at Wildwood Green Golf Club. Lead by our PGA Head Golf Professional & Director of Instruction, **John Budwine**, our staff improved customer service to the level our members and guest expect. Member golf tournaments, member socials, and golf instructional programs were professionally managed in a way that enhanced the golfing experience for all while at your club. In the middle of 2009 Robert Caldwell became the food & beverage manager. Robert and his staff began holding more monthly member socials such as the Grill & Chill. The menu was upgraded with more generous portions, and new kitchen equipment enhanced deli sliced sandwich meats. The golf course condition continued to improve under the direction of our superintendent, Rick Durham, and his outstanding maintenance staff.

Capital Improvements:

Over the past eight years, almost \$1.9 million of capital improvements have been made at Wildwood Green. Improvements range from new EZGO golf carts to a range ball picker unit. Over the past twelve months the following capital improvements have taken place:

1. EZGO gas golf carts	\$ 364,000
2. EZGO range unit	\$ 7,400
3. Range ball picker unit	\$ 2,800
4. Starter building	\$ 3,250
5. Clubhouse and Halfway House painting and repairs	\$ 3,400
6. Kitchen Equipment	\$ 2,100
7. Outside Lighting Fixtures	\$ 1,450
8. Turf Care Equipment	\$ 31,250
9. Irrigation System	\$ 4,950
10. Renovation of Dam on # 11	\$ 10,500
11. Bunker Renovations and Drainage	\$ 5,250
12. WebRez tee time solution	\$ 2,400

This past year's improvements have helped our club continue to grow, and the membership has shared their positive comments with the staff on how proud they are about what has been accomplished over the past year.

Wildwood Green Golf Club – New Website:

As we experienced rapid membership growth during 2009 the need for a better website solution to better serve our members became apparent. After months of research management found the best website solution in the golf industry, Golf Fusion. The research was conducted by our Special Project Manager, Andy Prichard. Andy has been involved in technology since graduating from Ohio State University and his efforts have brought us a powerful technology tool to better communicate with our members and guests. Later in this report Andy will provide an overview of many features our website provides to our members.

Financial Status of the Club & Membership Drive:

While country clubs and golf course throughout the country and in the Raleigh area saw membership decline, Wildwood Green Golf Club membership grew by more than 100 new members. How was Wildwood Green Golf Club able to survive the challenging economic times everyone experienced in 2010 and grow even stronger?

There are several reasons Wildwood Green Golf Club grew stronger, and one of the biggest reasons was **OUR MEMBERS!!** Starting with the winter member meetings held early in 2009 with our owner, Roger Watson, **OUR MEMBERS** helped us grow stronger by recruiting and retaining more than **100 New Members**. With our members support, **John Budwine** was able to build the only **Professional Golf Staff** with **Six PGA Golf Professionals** serving a single 18-hole facility in the Carolinas. This support compliments the outstanding **Golf Course Maintenance Staff** directed by **Rick Durham**. Our **Food and Beverage** service was upgraded by **Robert Caldwell**, and more innovative ideas will be implemented in 2010.

2009 was a far better year at **Wildwood Green Golf Club** than anyone could have expected after what our country experienced in the fall of 2008 and the beginning of 2009. It was a **Total Team** effort with **Our Members** and **Staff** working together making **Wildwood Green Golf Club** grow and advance.

2010 is here, and the **Staff** is busy planning to make this year even better. We again will call on **Our Members** to help continue improvement of all areas of your club. We are asking every **Member** to continue to complete and turn in **comments cards** telling us how we can improve, and share ideas on how we can make club activities more enjoyable for all. During our last Membership Drive, one key point we noticed our members sharing with their friends repeatedly was the **Value** they are receiving with their membership at Wildwood Green. As we continue to work hand and hand with our members with our goal being **MOVING TOWARD GOING MORE PRIVATE** now is a great time to review a few of the **Member Benefits** provided to every Wildwood Green Member.

Member Benefits:

1. Attractive Member Referral Incentive Program
2. Free Initiation Fee at Lake Park Swim Club
3. Six PGA Golf Professionals on Staff with more than 100 years of experience
4. Over 100 member-only tournaments
5. No-Assessment membership
6. No food and beverage minimum
7. Priority Tee Times up to 10 days in advance
8. Driving Range Membership
9. Cart Club Membership
10. Club Lockers
11. Club Storage
12. Discounts on golf instruction
13. Free Member Golf Clinics
14. Total Quality Management
15. Reduced and/or free green fees at other clubs
16. Discounts on merchandise
17. Senior, Junior, and Ladies golf clinics
18. Full time Starter/Ranger program
19. Member only practice areas
20. Computerized "USGA" handicap service
21. Senior's program
22. Ladies' program
23. Discounted Green Fees for Accompanied Guest

With all the *Member Benefits* Wildwood Green Golf Club offers the “*Best Bang for their Buck*” in the area. During our 2009 member meetings we shared with everyone our goal to **WORK TOWARD BECOMING MORE PRIVATE**, and now our membership level is where this goal is obtainable. Listed below is a summary of membership levels at the end of 2008 and 2009. Also, listed are the membership levels needed to be reached and maintained to initiate the **FIRST LEVEL OF PRIVATE CLUB STATUS**. This first level of private club status is RESTRICTING ALL weekend morning tee times to members, their accompanied and sponsored guests during the months of April through November.

Membership Summary

	End of 2008	End of 2009	Goal
Regular	138	214	275
Weekday	102	141	150
Junior	12	28	

Growth is always an important part of the success of every golf club. We have set a lofty **Goal** for our current *Membership Drive*, and by reaching and maintaining those goals we will be “*Moving Toward Going More Private*” during in-season weekend mornings. By duplicating our success of the early 2009 Membership Drive during January and February of 2010, we can initiate the **FIRST LEVEL OF PRIVATE CLUB STATUS** by RESTRICTING ALL weekend morning Tee Times to members, their accompanied and sponsored guests from April to November. With *Our Members* help and support our club can *soar with the eagles!*

During a career that spans 30+ years in the golf industry, the past twelve months at Wildwood Green Golf Club ranks as the most enjoyable year in my career. The team we envisioned building is in place, and this team welcomes the opportunity to serve the membership. Over the course of the year, the staff has had a chance to play golf with and get to know our membership. Getting to know others with a common interest, a love for the game of golf has always been one bonus all golf professionals cherish throughout their career. Golf really is a game of a lifetime, and the friendships are too. We think everyone can tell how much our entire Staff enjoys serving *Our Wildwood Green Golf Club Members*. Always feel free contact me by email or call the golf shop with your comments, suggestions, and ideas that might make us improve our operation at the club.

In conclusion, thank all *Our Members* for their continued support.

Happy Golfing New Year,

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 PGA Member

Wildwood Green Golf Club – Website:

During the last two months of the 2009 year we converted to a new interactive Wildwood Green Golf Club website. The new website allows members to login to a Member Only Section. To login to this section the member uses their e-mail address as their Username and “wildwood” as the password. The member can then update their profile, change password, etc. The benefits for the members are plentiful. There is a club directory, an events calendar and fast and simple tee time booking capabilities. The website allows members to sign up for events on-line and the capability to view all the people who are registered for the event. Tee times, flights, teams and all the important information for the event are viewable. After the events are complete, the results are shown and statistics are kept for each participant. You can view your stats for tournaments for the entire season and a leader board for the entire club is displayed.

Frequently, coupons are available on the website offering discounts for golf merchandise and other items of interest. Gift certificates can be purchased, merchandise bought & shipped to the address of choice and discounted green fees can be purchased all from the new site.

There is a link to the USGA handicap system, so members can post their scores on-line, just like they do at the club.

The website also serves as a social network. Members can search for playing partners, post messages for the general membership and hear from the administration via messages.

The new website also contains general information on the club such as; current membership drive information, interactive driving directions, employee contact information and direct e-mail capabilities, a hole-by-hole description of the golf course, and monthly newsletters.

The Wildwood Green Golf Academy is on the website with information, pictures and lesson prices for each instructor.

With the new design and functionality we feel the Wildwood Green Golf Club website will be a favorite site for all of our members.

Sincerely,

Andy Prichard
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Special Projects Manager

Golf Shop:

As we begin the 2010 golfing season, we do so with a professional staff that has service beyond your expectations as their #1 priority! Our staff consists of experienced **PGA Professionals** and apprentice golf professionals that continue to strive for new ways to improve service. Visit our new website to learn more about each staff member.

Training:

We continually train our staff to provide excellent customer service. Our #1 goal for this year and every year is providing you and your guests with first class service and professionalism. We have training sessions throughout the year covering many topics with a constant focus on customer satisfaction. We encourage you to fill out comment cards to suggest ways to improve.

Pace of Play/Starter/Ranger Program:

One of our continuous goals is monitoring our pace of play. In 2009 we installed a pace of play board in the golf shop to continually update times throughout the day. Our starters and rangers also provide a service many of you may not be aware of in that each starter and ranger is assigned a hole on the golf course to help fill divots and repair ball marks.

We all can do our part to help improve pace of play by following a few simple rules on how to play ready golf:

- Do not play honors-hit when ready
- When carts are on path, take more than one club with you to your ball
- Write down scores on the next tee
- Always be ready to play when it's your turn
- Use the continuous putting rule-finish instead of marking short putts
- Keep up with the group ahead of you-do not worry about the group behind you
- Remember that your group is not the only group on the golf course
- If you find yourself lagging behind, be courteous of other groups and invite them to play through

Driving Range:

In 2009, Wildwood Green purchased over 1000 dozen new range balls for you to hit. We also purchased in 2009 a new 3 gang ball picker and a new E-Z-Go range picker. Our range membership continues to be the best deal around. For those of you who enjoy practicing, our "Members Only" range club is for you! Members may join the range club for \$250 for a single member, \$400 for a family of 2, and \$475 for a family of 3 or more. To take advantage of the range club, see a member of your professional staff today!

Handicap Flags:

We will continue to give out handicaps flags for those who require one. Anyone requesting a handicap flag must have a doctor's note on file with the club. Handicap flags will not be given out when carts are restricted to paths. We do this in order for us to continually provide you with the best possible playing surfaces.

Tee Times:

Wildwood Green entered the world of internet online tee times in 2009. Members are now able to make tee times 10 days in advance from the comforts of your own home via the Wildwood Green web site! As we continue to update our web site you will notice a few changes for 2010. Not only are you able to book tee times on line but also sign-up for tournaments and events and even golf lessons!

Of course, those of you who still wish to hear a human voice, you may continue to call one of the golf professionals in the golf shop to book your tee time or sign you up for tournaments and events.

Cart Club:

2009 was our 17th year providing a cart club for our members. 2009 began with the arrival of a new fleet of 70 E-Z-Go gas carts. During the year comprehensive golf cart maintenance and detailing service program was implemented by Jeff Engelhaupt, Joe Quinn, Zack Goldberg, Dan Roberts, and Herm Rooker presenting our members and guests with a golf cart in showroom condition every day. If you are a frequent golfer who enjoys riding, we make it easy for you to save money, by offering an annual cart club featuring unlimited cart rounds.

Wildwood Green Golf Academy:

2009 began the inception of the Wildwood Green Golf Academy with a mission of helping our members enjoy their game more. The Wildwood Green Golf Academy **features 6 PGA Professionals** with over 100 years of teaching experience on its staff! No other Golf Academy in the area has such a large and diverse array of PGA Instructors.

In 2009, our staff hosted 6 “Free Golf Clinics” for its members. We also conducted many driver and short game clinics throughout the year. The staff will again give members the opportunity to improve with many clinics scheduled in 2010.

The Golf Academy hosted a demo day in July which gave the members a chance to come out and hit some of the new technology clubs on the market. Hosting the demo day was Callaway, Nickent, Cobra, and Homna. We will be planning another demo day in the spring. Watch for details in the golf shop, on the web site and posters in the clubhouse.

Another first for Wildwood Green in 2009, was a “Ball Fitting day” with Bridgestone Golf. Members were allowed to hit their brand of ball then were match up to a Bridgestone ball. Too many people’s surprise, the Bridgestone ball outperformed their current ball choice. The demo and ball fitting day were provided to the members at no charge.

Our staff at the Wildwood Green Golf Academy continues to serve and protect our most precious golfers, our Juniors. Our staff conducted 9 Junior Golf Camps over the summer. These camps were a huge success as there was no less that 7 juniors in each camp. Juniors were introduced to the game of a lifetime including but not limited to rules and etiquette.

The Wildwood Green Golf Academy staff is committed to providing members the best golf instruction possible. Log on to the Wildwood Green website and click on Golf Academy to see what each instructor has to offer. No matter what your needs or budget, the Wildwood Green Golf Academy has a plan to fit you!

Tournament Schedule:

There are many benefits of membership at Wildwood Green Golf Club, and one of the best benefits is the ability to join other members by participating in our tournament program.

In 2009 the golf shop staff began a telephone program to inform the members of upcoming events. This went a long way in increasing participation. At the end of 2009, we sent a tournament survey to all the members asking for feedback on likes and dislikes of formats, costs, and times of play. From your comments and suggestions, we believe that the 2010 tournament schedule will be the best ever!

One highlight of the year was finding a name for our Member-Guest. Members were asked to send their suggestions to a committee. After receiving a large amount of entries, Gene Martello came up with the winning name: "Battle at Ballybunion". The theme took on the meaning "Battle" as 6 flight winners battled it out for the right to be called "Champions" of the "Battle at Ballybunion". On the first play-off hole, Don Voelker and his partner took home the honor. The "Battle at Ballybunion" began and ended as the traditional bagpipes played.

2009 saw the re-kindling of our couple's events on Sundays. These events quickly became a monthly favorite as participation grew throughout the year! We have couple events scheduled again for the 2010 season on Sunday to be followed by a dinner after play. Mark your calendars for these events as you do not want to be left out!!

We will continue with the men's and women's package events. One change for the 2010 season is that we have planned the men's and women's event on the same day. The events will not be combined as the men will have their event and the women will have theirs. We believe this change will boost participation for both events.

Our men's and women's tournament package event will begin on the 17th of April. Scheduled format is Best Ball. 2010 will kick-off on the 20th of March with a captain's choice format featuring men, and women. We will post all member events in the clubhouse, on the golf carts, and on the website. A complete tournament schedule including dates, formats, times, and fees are available in the Golf Shop. Be sure to sign-up early as we expect a full field for this event!

Professional Services:

Heading into the 2010 season, Wildwood Green will continue to provide the members Lockers and Club Storage. The lockers are a great way to store shoes, gloves, balls; a change of clothes and any other items you made need for a day of golf. Lockers are also available for your guests when they come from the office and need a place to store their "working clothes" while enjoying a day of golf. With the expense of new club rising each day, it is not wise to keep your clubs in the trunk of your care. During hot summer days, the heat in your trunk can "melt" the grips and damage the clubs. Our club storage offers a safe and secure place to keep your clubs when not playing golf. Your clubs will be cleaned after each round and stored for your next round. See a golf shop professional to reserve your spot today!

Merchandise:

In 2010 Wildwood Green will continue to have a wide variety of merchandise for you to choose from. Our best sellers in 2009 were the Ashworth men's selection and the Kate Lord women's selection. We will continue to carry these items in 2010 and will be ordering from other companies such as Page and Tuttle and AHEAD for other merchandise selections. Wildwood Green competitively prices our selection compared with other golf retailers in the area. Wildwood Green wants to keep you as a customer for life by providing the best service and best quality golf merchandise.

One unique member event held in 2009 was a “Trunk Show” for the Ladies of Wildwood Green where Ashworth, AHEAD, and Page & Tuttle Sales Representatives displayed their manufacturer’s lines for all the ladies review and order at special discounted prices. There are times we don’t have exactly what you are looking for. If this is the case, please ask a staff member for a special order form so we can get you what you want as soon as possible. Wildwood Green strives to satisfy customer needs and if yours are not met, we are not doing our job. Keep an eye on the 2010 calendar as we will be having demo days at the range. Also, please see a golf professional for club fitting and ask about current merchandise specials!

Sincerely,

John Budwine

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PGA Head Golf Professional/Director of Instruction

Grill Room:

In 2009 there were several changes made to our food and beverage operation. We purchased a new flat top grill and convection oven to bring a wider variety and higher quality of food to the operation. New menu items were added, and portions were expanded.

In 2009, our staff began the “Grill and Chill” which quickly became a member favorite. We plan to continue to offer these types of functions to enable the membership to get together and have a few laughs.

The beverage cart will begin making its rounds on weekends beginning in April.
Starting in May, the beverage cart will run on weekdays and weekends, weather and play permitting.

Our staff wants to thank each member for their continued support and comments to our food and beverage operation. With your help, we will continue to make strides in providing you the members with first class food and customer service.

Please continue to share your ideas and comments as we continue our goal to improve our club every day.

Sincerely,

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Food & Beverage Manager

Golf Course:

Greetings Wildwood Green Golf Club members, 2009 passed by quickly. The maintenance team along with your comments and suggestions allowed us to make significant improvements to our golf facility. Communication is very important to me and I would like to thank all of you who turned in comment cards and e-mailed me. Your suggestions and comments are extremely vital in our continued efforts to enhance Wildwood Green Golf Club.

Our continued goals this year for the golf course are to improve the bunker maintenance program, maintain the landscape and natural areas around the golf course and grow healthier turf on greens, tees and fairways. We want to provide a playing surface that is equal or better than surrounding facilities at a fair price. Also, I am implementing improvements on our cultural practices (aerification, top-dressing, etc.) with greens, tees and fairways.

Greens:

The condition of greens has improved over the past two years. Towards the end of the 2009 summer the weather began to play a large role in the quality of our putting surface. Bentgrass prefers the cooler temperatures and when the hot humid summer arrives roots begin to decline. When you couple that with an abundant amount of rainfall the result is undesirable greens. The quality of the greens are a primary focus for myself and my team, so please be assured that we are strategically planning improvements in this area.

G-2 bentgrass produces more stolens per square inch than most other bentgrasses. When mowed at a bench height of .125 thousands of an inch this provides a very smooth, fast, and terrific putting surface. Unfortunately, this tight turf restricts air, water and nutrient movement so much that it creates greens that are very high maintenance and require frequent cultural practices. These frequent cultural practices may disrupt the playing surface.

The initial plan will include three aerification projects the first being in late February. My assessment of our current root zone is below expectations thus the need for an early aggressive aerification. This year we will be contracting out a deep tine aerification to allow us to go with deeper and wider holes. This will greatly reduce compaction and allow more air and water to penetrate into our root zone. We will also apply a heavy layer of top-dressing (sand) to the greens in an effort to control thatch and improve the smoothness and the speed of the greens. Future plans include subsequent light top dressing applications to expedite success in these areas, a de-thatching process in May as well as another mild aerification for the fall. With a solid chemical and fertility program in place for the upcoming year I am confident that we will all be proud of the greens at Wildwood Green Golf Club.

Fairways:

The turfgrass that grows on the fairways and roughs at Wildwood Green is 419 Bermuda grass. Bermuda grass is classified as a warm season turfgrass. Grasses in this class tend to have minimum root growth when the soil temperature is between 50 and 60 degrees and optimum root growth between 75 to 85 degrees. Minimum shoot growth (top growth) begins when the air temperature reaches an average of around 55 degrees and is optimum growth when air temperature is averaging between 80 and 95 degrees.

When soil temperatures fall below 55 degrees warm season grasses will begin to turn brown and go into dormancy. They will remain dormant until soil temperatures reach a consistent 55 degrees again. Then they will "green up".

Generally fairways are cut between one half and nine sixteenths of an inch during the growing season, which is the heart of the heat of the summer. There are several factors in the decision making process surrounding the height of cut. A hot dry season can result in a slightly higher cut. During the onset of dormancy, height of cut can be raised to three quarter of an inch to one inch in preparation for the winter. I generally like to mow rough around an inch and a quarter so as to keep the pace of play moving. Cultural practices will be implemented to help improve the quality of turf on fairways and roughs such as aerification and slicing. Aerification to the root zone provides the same benefits as aerification to the greens mentioned above. The aerification produces positive results in high traffic areas such as a cart entrance to a fairway and rough. Slicing will achieve the same goal on a less disruptive scale but is not as effective. Cart traffic can be a problem so I would like to encourage everyone to use good judgment when navigating the course. During extremely wet conditions we will remain on the path to protect the playing surface from ruts and tire tracks that would present an unfavorable lie. Our commitment to good cultural practices along with a sound fertility program will provide a smooth tight playing surface that everyone can enjoy.

Tees:

Just as we have outlined a solid agronomic plan for the greens we have devised a plan for the tees. The size of our current tees along with the amount of traffic endured demand a strong cultural and fertility program. Optimally, tees are cut at a height of one half inch but can be slightly higher if conditions are poor.

Driving Range Tee and Fairway:

With the traffic that the range tee receives a highly intense maintenance program is required to keep this area playable. The range fairway is maintained just like all the other fairways but it is the main tee that requires all of our attention.

Some of our daily chores include range setup which requires:

1. Rotating the ropes, tee markers, bag stands etc. to the next location to be used.
2. Previous days divots are blown away, picked up or hauled off
3. Worn divot areas are then top-dressed with sand to smooth them out and provide material for the Bermuda to grow in.
4. Watering is performed when needed.
5. Trash is picked up daily and hauled off.
6. Several times daily range balls are picked. Monday afternoon is the only time blocked off for scheduled maintenance. During the day with the range opening as early as 6:00 am and not closing until 30 minutes before dusk can make the driving range a little difficult to maintain at a high standard. The following is done on Mondays:
 - a. Complete mowing of tee, fairway and rough
 - b. Weed eating along fences, markers, etc.
 - c. Fertilizing the tee to assist the Bermuda grass growth during the season enough to fill in divot

During inclement weather and during the winter when the Bermuda grass is not growing we are forced to keep play on the mats. This is done to protect the tee surface.

Bunkers:

We began the addition of sand to several bunkers during the fall. During the winter a renovation project is under way to repair drainage issues and faces that wash severally during rain events. This project has been underway for several winters and I am happy to say that it is nearing an end.

The maintenance team would greatly appreciate it if the members and their guest would remember to rake their footprints after they leave the bunker. It shows courtesy to the golfers that are following them and helps keep them in better condition until we come back the next morning. We also are asking all golfers to please place bunker rakes back in the bunkers to reduce the chance of them being run over and damaged.

Cart Paths:

We are in the process of evaluating our cart paths and prioritizing repair work that will be needed in the spring. The following is a list of repairs that we will evaluate and prioritize:

1. Pot holes in the asphalt
2. Chipped and broken off chunks of asphalt along the cart path edges.
3. Fill in washed out ruts along the cart path edges caused by rain, maintenance equipment and golf carts.
4. Remove and replace rotten or damaged railroad ties where needed.
5. Install additional railroad ties or landscape timbers where cart path traffic needs to be directed.
6. The spraying out of encroaching Bermuda grass along cart path edges during the growing season.

Ponds and Creeks:

Progress has been made in these areas with the addition of a new overflow system at the pond on #11. We now have the ability to adjust the level on the pond and add water to the irrigation pond when needed. The emergency overflow exits have also been regraded so that they work properly. The following is a list of improvements we will start and continue to work on.

1. Keep pond water free of algae and debris
2. Keep unsightly weeds down that may get too high around edges
3. Stay current on chemical applications
4. Repair and make pond fountains operative at # 5, 10 and 12

Tree Line Areas:

We spent a lot of time this past winter cutting down dead or damaged trees. Larger debris has been hauled to the dump and smaller items have been chipped and will be used as mulch in natural areas. As always, we plan to continue our cleanup program to eliminate debris, remove dead or damaged trees and grind stumps.

Equipment:

Chris Hartford, our full time mechanic, has been a big asset to our equipment repair program. During the winter months he evaluates each piece of equipment and makes necessary repairs. For the 2010 growing season we will be adding several pieces of new equipment that will improve our quality of cut and reduce repair cost. I am very confident that we will be able to keep our equipment out on the course to perform duties with minimal breakdowns during this upcoming growing season.

Irrigation System:

We will be having our irrigation pump station serviced this spring. The pump station is the heart of the irrigation system and without it working properly we would not be able to implement a solid agronomic plan.

This service is considered an insurance policy to hopefully avoid a serious breakdown during the summer when water is at its highest demand.

There will also be several improvements made to irrigation sprinklers and valves on the course. With the age of the system there are several isolation valves that have stopped working properly and need to be replaced. With these valves working properly it allows us to isolate any irrigation breaks without shutting the entire system down.

Landscaping:

Over the past several years the maintenance department has struggled maintaining shrub beds, natural areas and clubhouse grounds. I am proud of the achievements and consistency that we have made in 2009. We will continue to focus on pruning, weed control, watering, fertility, mulching and overall appearance of clubhouse grounds.

Comment Cards:

Please continue to fill out your comment cards after each round. I share these comments with the maintenance team and together we make improvements wherever possible.

Sincerely,

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Course Superintendent