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Summer has finally arrived, and we are in the middle of the golf season. Later in the newsletter I'll share several important golf fundamentals. Having said that I want to make sure everyone has plenty of *starch* in their daily diet, so I'll share a golf joke that will provide you enough corny humor to meet the *starch* requirement that doctors recommend.

Stevie Wonder & Jack Nicklaus

Stevie Wonder and Jack Nicklaus are in a bar. Nicklaus turns to Wonder and says, "How is the singing career going?"

Stevie Wonder says, "Not too bad, my latest album has moved into the top 10, so all-in-all it is pretty good. By the way how is your golf game?"

Nicklaus replies, "Not too bad, I am not winning as much as I used to but I'm still making a some money. I've had some problems with my swing but I think I've fixed that now.

"I always find that when my swing goes wrong I need to stop playing for a while and think about it, then the next time I play it seems to be all right," says Stevie,

You play golf!? Asks Jack.

Stevie says, "Yes, I have been playing for years."

"But, I thought you were blind, how can you play golf if you are blind? Jack asks.

"I get my caddie to stand in the middle of the fairway and he calls to me. I listen for the sound of his voice and play the ball towards him, then when I get to where the ball lands the caddie moves to the green or further down the fairway and again I play towards his voice," explains Stevie.

"But how do you putt?" Nicklaus wondered.

"Well," says Stevie, "I get my caddie to lean down in front of the hole and call to me with his head on the ground and I just play the ball towards his voice," explains Stevie.

Nicklaus says, "What is your handicap?"

"Well, I play off scratch," Stevie assures Jack. Nicklaus is incredulous and says to Stevie, "We must play a game sometime."

Wonder replies, "Well, people don't take me seriously so I only play for money, and I never play for less than \$100,000 a hole."

Nicklaus thinks it over and says, "OK, I'm up for that. When would you like to play?"

"I don't care—any night next week is OK with me."

Willis Denmark
General Manager/Golf Director
PGA Professional

Wildwood Green Golf Club Membership

Check our Photo Gallery on-line in the Member Section of the website.



Member News

New Members

Henry Brown
Cooper Meyer
Thomas Fuqua
Jim Simpson

Excellent Golf Accomplishments

- “Better with Age”, Member Dwight Greene keeps shooting his age or better. On June 8, Dwight shot 3 strokes below his age of 91 with an 88. His 88 year old guest, Red Culp, shot 81. The youngster in the group, Hilliard Greene (80 years old) shot an 83. Golf truly is a game of a lifetime.
- On June 9, Bob DeBardelaben shot is age with a round of 82.
- On June 14th, Michael French shot a 75, his career low round.

2 Aces in June!

- On June 4, while playing with the Wild Working Women group, Chris Nims made a hole-in-one on the 12th hole. Her playing partners were Michelle Brotman, Josephine Luce and Claire Vaeth.
- While playing in the Men’s 3rd Package Event, Ken Mayhew Aced the 17th hole. This was Ken’s third hole-in-one. His 8-iron shot was witnessed by Dale Denny, John Gentry & Bradley Mills. The hole-in-one also helped lead his team to Victory in the Event.

Congratulations to all of these Members!

John Budwine
Head Golf Professional



Wildwood Green GC Golf Academy

Presents this month’s Focus on Fundamentals

By

Willis Denmark



“It all starts with the correct grip”

Your grip should be in the fingers of both hands, not the palms. Most of the grip pressure should be felt in the last three fingers of your left hand. There is much less pressure in the right hand. There should be no pressure at all in the thumb and forefinger of the right hand. Keep your overall grip pressure light. Don't "squeeze the toothpaste out of the tube." Make sure your grip is strong enough, with both V's pointing over your right shoulder. A strong left hand grip produces solid shots. Keep hands close together.

“Address for Success”

There are many keys to executing a successful golf swing. Every PGA Instructor starts with the grip, stance & alignment. Often a solid address position is overlooked. Lets break down a proper address position with a step by step exercise.

- 1.) Stand erect with your arms at your sides and your feet about 18 to 20 inches apart and look straight ahead.
- 2.) Place your hands on your hips, wrapping your thumbs and forefingers around the opening of your pockets.
- 3.) Push your rear end out while simultaneously tilting your spine forward. Flex your knees so they line up with your shoulders.
- 4.) With your hands still on your hips, rock your weight back until your toes lift off the ground, being careful to maintain posture.
- 5.) Rock in the opposite direction, until both heels lift off the ground and all of your weight is in your toes. Again, maintain posture.
- 6.) Rock back to your normal address posture. This exercise helps you spread your weight evenly over your feet - a must.

The chances of hitting a good golf shot greatly improve when a player puts himself/herself in the best possible position at address - along with a solid grip and proper alignment.

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

Golf Shop News

July 2009 Hours of Operation

Weekend First Tee Time will start at 6:30 AM

Weekday First Tee Time will start at 7:00 AM

July 4th Sale

(Ends July 15th)

Men's Shirts & Ladies Tops



Ashworth & FA MacCluer

Buy 1st at 20% off (Higher Price of all shirts)
Get 2nd, 3rd & 4th at 50% off

Offer Limited to 4 shirts per Member

This offer is not valid with any other coupons or discounts.



July 2009 Tournament Schedule

July 4

Red, White & Blue Event
9AM Shotgun



July 11

Ladies 3rd Package Event - Best Ball Net
7:30 AM Tee Times

July 20

Pro-Am-Am-Am
1:00 PM Tee Times

July 25

Men's 5th Package Event - 3 Best Ball Net
11:00 AM Tee Times

Rules Tip of the Month

Rule 8: Advice; Indicating the Line of Play

8-1. Advice

During a [stipulated round](#), a player must not:

(a) give [advice](#) to anyone in the competition playing on the course other than his [partner](#), or

(b) ask for advice from anyone other than his partner or either of their [caddies](#).

8-2. Indicating Line of Play

• a. Other Than On Putting Green

Except on the [putting green](#), a player may have the line of play indicated to him by anyone, but no one may be positioned by the player or close to the line or an extension of the line beyond the hole while the [stroke](#) is being made. Any mark placed by the player or with his knowledge to indicate the line must be removed before the stroke is made. **Exception:** [Flagstick](#) attended or held up — see [Rule 17-1](#).

• b. On the Putting Green

When the player's ball is on the putting green, the player, his partner or either of their caddies may, before but not during the stroke, point out a line for putting, but in so doing the putting green must not be touched. A mark must not be placed anywhere to indicate a line for putting. *Penalty for Breach of Rule:*

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

Note: The [Committee](#) may, in the conditions of a team competition ([Rule 33-1](#)), permit each team to appoint one person who may give advice (including pointing out a line for putting) to members of that team. The Committee may establish conditions relating to the appointment and permitted conduct of that person, who must be identified to the Committee before giving advice.

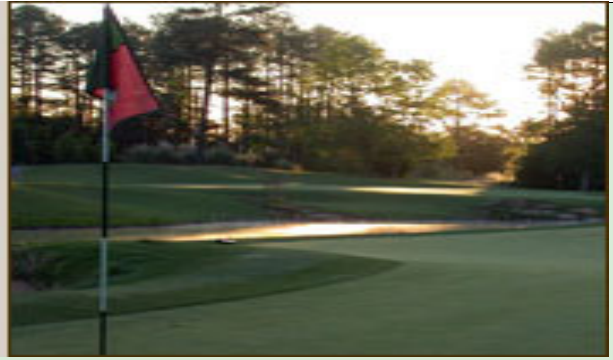
Course Update

Greetings Wildwood Green Members.

I would like to take this opportunity to address the condition of the putting green. Over the past 10-12 months the practice putting green has become contaminated with Poa Annua. Poa Annua is an annual blue grass which is a common problem in older Bentgrass putting greens, if left untreated, a bumpy and inconsistent putting surface will develop. All WWG putting greens are treated with a growth regulator that will suppress the Poa Annua and allow our Bentgrass to fill in and flourish. The practice putting green had roughly 75% coverage of Poa Annua. Because of the Poa Annua coverage amount, the practice putting green will require more time to recover vs. the other putting greens. Being that Bentgrass is present on the practice putting greens, we will be applying several different cultural practices to promote the Bentgrass growth. I, as well as the maintenance team am pleased with the results achieved so far. We, as a team look forward to continuing the improvement of course conditions. We would like to thank everyone for all the positive comments. As always, I am available for questions or comments by email. (rick@wildwoodgreen.com)

I look forward to seeing you on the links.

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