



# March 2009 Newsletter

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## ***Membership Drive Launched!***

In order to keep dues affordable, Roger Watson announced a membership drive that will allow Wildwood Green GC to keep pace with the growing needs of our members. The membership drive also provides an incentive for our members to help us grow. Between now and April 30<sup>th</sup>, all initiation fees collected will go 100% into capital improvements of the facility. The most exciting news came when each Member received a "COMPLIMENTARY INITIATION" certificate to hand a friend, business associate, family member, or anyone they thought would enjoy the fun and fellowship as a member of Wildwood Green GC. With this certificate, the \$4,000 initiation fee is waived for the member sponsored person. The person the member chooses to sponsor should complete the application along with the certificate signed by the sponsoring member, and then bring to the golf shop to complete the process. For this, the sponsoring member and the new member both receive a \$30 dues credit on their dues for the next 24 months as long as the new member stays active.

Also included in the member package is the "75 Club" Membership brochure and certificate which provides full membership benefits in a very exciting and creative way. Again, the person the member chooses to sponsor needs to complete the application along with the certificate signed by the sponsoring member then bring to the golf shop to complete the process. For this, the sponsoring member and the new member both receive a \$30 dues credit on their dues for the next 24 months as long as the new member stays active.

As of February 23, 2009 we have 20 new memberships. Thank you for your help in growing our membership.

**Willis Denmark**  
**General Manager/Golf Director**

## ***New Members***

Kenie Wrenn & Family  
 Woody Johnson  
 Mark Skiff  
 Arthur Lange  
 Herbert Keith  
 Dennis Duprey  
 Mike Stanley  
 R.C. Dickerson  
 Stan Williams & Family  
 Alton Lowe  
 William Hutchins  
 Chuck Denning  
 Alan Foster  
 Andrew Brown  
 David Tyndall  
 Mike Wilson  
 Lorraine Leahy  
 Laura Howerton  
 Don Voelker  
 Robert Sahaida

## ***Member/Staff Spotlight***

This month we take a look at the outstanding golf career of our own Member, Dr. Ralph James.

In college, at the golf powerhouse school of Wake Forest University, Dr. James was a member of 2 ACC Championship teams (1957-58). In 1956 he was a U.S. Amateur Qualifier.

As impressive as these accomplishments were, Dr. James was just getting started. He was a winner of 16 Club Championships, including 7 Wildwood Green GC Senior Division Championships. Dr. James has competed in Regional, State & National Senior Tournaments. He has won 9 Regional Senior Events on the Harris Tee-ter Sr. Tour, the CPGA and the CGA. He has won 5 North Carolina & 2 National Senior Games Championships.

With a current USGA Handicap Index of 1.4, Dr. James' most recent Tournament score was a 68. He first shot his age at 67 and has been shooting his age with regularity ever since. Wow, what a golf career. Keep it up, Dr. James!

## Member News

### *Excellent Golf Accomplishments*

- This past December 15<sup>th</sup> 2008 Mr. Dwight Green shot his age, a '91'.
- Wildwood Green Golf Club Members Lennie Barton & Cliff Seastrunk battled the best PGA Golf Professionals in the Carolinas PGA at The National Golf Club in the NGC SENIOR SCRAMBLE CHAMPIONSHIP finishing 4<sup>th</sup> with scores of 65-60, 4 shots behind the winners.
- Cliff & Jason Seastrunk won a Father/Son 2 Day Event @ Mid Pines & Pine Needles on January 2nd & 3rd 2009. They competed against Father/Son teams from all over the East Coast. Day 1 was Alternate Shot, Day 2 was Better Ball and the winning scores were 67, 63

### *We had some Aces this February*

- On 2/1/09 Bob Sanchez had his first ever hole-in-one on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole using a 9-wood, his playing partners were Art White, Smith Byham & Tom Regan.
- On 2/12/09 Jim Bridge aced the 17<sup>th</sup> hole playing from the Blue Tees using a 6-Iron. He was hitting into a stiff breeze and the pin was in the front portion of the green. Witnessing the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole-in-one in Mr. Bridge's life was Jason Williams.

Congratulations to all of these Members!

John Budwine  
Head Golf Professional



## Wildwood Green GC Golf Academy

*Presents this month's Focus on Fundamentals*

By

**Chase Duncan**



As you get back into the "swing of things" it is important to remember some key fundamentals. This month, our focus is going to be on alignment.

Alignment is one of the most important aspects of a golf swing. In order for your golf swing to follow a proper path and to produce straight shots, it is important that you are set up "square" to the target." To be set up square; your feet, hips, and shoulders must all be aligned parallel left (for a right-handed player) to the target.

Follow these steps during your next practice session to determine if you are square:

1. Pick a target.
  2. Set-up to the target
  3. Put a club down on your toe line.
  4. Make sure that your hips and shoulders are parallel to your toe line.
  5. Step back and look at the shaft from step 3 to see if you are set up square.
  6. If the shaft on your toe line is parallel left to your target, then you are square.
- Note**, the shaft at your toe line should not point **at** your target it should be **parallel left** of your target.
7. Make necessary adjustments with your feet to achieve proper alignment.
  8. Make sure your hips and shoulders are square to your new feet position.
  9. Swing away!

**For more information about proper alignment and other golf advice, schedule a lesson with a WWG Golf Academy Certified Instructor.**

## Golf Shop News

Make your Tee Times On-Line at [www.wildwoodgreen.com](http://www.wildwoodgreen.com)!

On our web-site, you will find a link to internet tee times. Click on the link and use your e-mail address as your user name. Your password to have access is **"golf"** Once you have entered the site, you will be able to change your password.

Members will be able to book tee times **10 days in advance!**

*Go ahead and give it a try. If you have any questions contact us at the golf shop.*

## Did you know about repainted Titleist ProV1's?



*Why purchase new Pro V1's when you can get the same for much less.... Try a dozen! Now at the counter in the Wildwood Green Golf Shop.*

*The golf industry is going green! Did you know that the golf industry now has a 100% recyclable golf ball and it is being used by the World Long Drive Champion? Coming to Wildwood Green Golf Club soon!!!!*

## March 2009 Tournament Schedule

### **March 14**

Men's Stag Day – 2 Best Ball of Foursome, Pick your team

### **March 15**

Girls Triad Junior Golf Tour

### **March 20**

Men's Member-Guest-Guest-Guest – Captain's Choice, Net & Gross

### **March 21**

Lady's Member-Guest-Guest-Guest – Captain's Choice

### **March 22**

Pro-Am – 1 Pro 3 Members

### **March 24**

Leesville High School Match

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 23: Loose Impediments***

Except when both the [loose impediment](#) and the ball lie in or touch the same [hazard](#), any loose impediment may be removed without penalty.

If the ball lies anywhere other than on the [putting green](#) and the removal of a loose impediment by the player causes the ball to move, [Rule 18-2a](#) applies.

On the putting green, if the ball or ball-marker moves in the process of the player removing any loose impediment, the ball or ball-marker must be replaced. There is no penalty provided the movement of the ball or ball-marker is directly attributable to the removal of the loose impediment.

Otherwise, if the player causes the ball to move, he incurs a penalty of one stroke under [Rule 18-2a](#). When a ball is in motion, a loose impediment that might influence the movement of the ball must not be removed.

**Note:** If the ball lies in a hazard, the player must not touch or move any loose impediment lying in or touching the same hazard — see [Rule 13-4c](#).

#### ***PENALTY FOR BREACH OF RULE:***

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

## Course Update

The Aerification of all Greens was completed on February 19, 2009. Aerification achieves 3 important objectives: it relieves soil compaction; it provides a method to improve the soil mixture around the highest part of the green's roots; and it reduces or prevents the accumulation of excess thatch. The spaces from the process are filled with topdressing that helps the soil retain air space and makes it easier for roots to grow downward. Sorry for the short term inconvenience of this process, but it is essential for healthy Greens throughout the year.

**Rick Durham**  
Golf Course Superintendent

## Wildwood Green Golf Club Introduces the VIP Club

***For a one time cost of \$500  
you will receive:***

**4 VIP Rounds (\$28 per player) of anytime Golf per month for  
two years!**  
(Includes Green and Cart Fees)

**An Invitation to our VIP Golf Tournament!**

**An Opportunity to have your company or Charity Outing at a  
Special \$40 per player Rate!**

**Additional rounds may be purchased at a special rate!**

Reservations may be made 4 days in advance. Rounds may not carry over from month to month. Reduced rates for outing are limited to the first 20 companies that sign up.  
This is a limited time offer.

This a great option for people to get familiar with the our Golf Club & the Advantages of becoming a Member.

Any Member who Sponsor's A new VIP Club Golfer will receive a \$100.00 Merchandise Gift Certificate.



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