



October 2009 Newsletter

**Wildwood Green Golf Club
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Golf Cart Safety

For years I drove golf carts with my left leg hanging carelessly out of the golf cart. I finally realized how dangerous it is to hang your leg out of a golf cart when a fellow PGA Golf Professional hit a bump one day with his leg hanging out. His left heel spikes caught the ground and he ruptured his Achilles Tendon. This injury kept him from playing golf for almost a year. So, please always keep your legs and feet in your golf cart while it is moving.



Championship Season

October at Wildwood Green will be the month Championships are won. Along with the Men's & Ladies Monthly Package Events, the Championship Season starts with the Couples Member-Guest Championship October 11, 2009. The always popular Fall Member-Member Match Play Championship follows Oct. 24 & 25, 2009. The Championship Season Finale is the Club Championship for Men, Ladies, Seniors & Juniors.

Come join the fun & fellowship with your fellow Members. Call or stop by the Golf Shop to enter.

Willis Denmark
General Manager/Golf Director
PGA Professional



Staff Spotlight

Special Projects

Andy Prichard



Andy Prichard, Special Projects, is from North Canton, Ohio. He graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in Business Management Information Systems. While attending school he worked on the Maintenance Crew for an American Golf Corp Club near Columbus, Ohio. After graduation he worked for Smyth Systems for 5 years. This was a Computer Software Company tailored for the Golf Course Industry. With this company, Andy worked in Customer Support, performed On-Site Installations and was in Sales. In 2001, he became an Assistant Golf Professional for a Golf Course in Columbus, Ohio where he passed the Play Ability Test and became an Apprentice with the PGA of America. In 2003 he moved to Myrtle Beach, helped open a Par 3 Golf Course in Southport, NC and began work with Carolinas Golf Group. Andy again worked for Smyth Systems when he moved to Raleigh, NC in 2004.

Andy was a Member at Wildwood Green Golf Club for a couple years before purchasing a house and moving to Fuquay Varina. He was recently married on the Grand Cayman Island in August 2008. He is currently employed by the United States Postal Service and works part-time here at Wildwood Green Golf Club. At Wildwood he edits the Newsletter, sends out Marketing & Member e-mails, helps with the Computer Point of Sale Software and does other Special Projects.

Andy is a sports junky, and is especially fanatic about a college football team that plays in Columbus, Ohio.

Member News

Great Shots in September!

- Bill Hanks aced the 12th Hole on Sunday September 20, 2009. He was playing with Dr. Ralph James, Tony Herring and Willis Denmark.
- New Tournament Director & Teaching Professional Jeff Englehaupt made his 4th career Hole-In-One on hole #6 September 28, 2009. He was playing from the Blue Tees and used an 8-iron.

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



Penny Games



Enjoy the fun by participating in the **Penny Games!** Simply pull a slip out of the bowl located in the Golf Shop and multiply the **number** by **.01**, then pay the price. Hopefully you draw a winning number. Over **\$6,000** in PRIZES!

Here's an **Example:**

A person pulls the Number **100**, times it by **.01**, they pay **\$1.00**. No pull will exceed **\$10**.

Penny Games receipts will be used to **purchase the prizes**, add a **52" Wide Screen Television** and pay **PGA** Education expenses for **Zack Goldberg, Jeff Englehaupt** and **Chase Duncan** as they work toward their goal to become certified PGA Members.

Recent Penny Games Winners

Name	Prize
Bob Sanchez	Dozen TF Gamers
Lisa Gervasio	Cleveland Hi Bore Hybrid
Ron Smith	WWG Umbrella
Regina Wright	NXT Sleeve
Denny Martin	18 Hole Cart

Wildwood Green GC Golf Academy

Presents this month's Focus on
Fundamentals

By

Kevin Hamski



Sink Your Short Putts Now!

One of the most common problems I tend to see from players who are struggling with short putts is the acceleration of the putting stroke through impact, or the lack thereof. Often players who are missing short putts have one thing in common, deceleration through impact. This is often caused by a lengthy backswing and a forward swing that is much shorter and even stops at impact in some cases.

Players missing short putts that are struggling on the greens are often very inconsistent with direction and distance on longer putts as well. However, the cure is relatively simple and a few practice sessions on the putting green will quickly remedy the situation. In order to fix the putting stroke players should look to shorten their backswing and focus on accelerating through impact and holding their finish with the putter down the target line. As a rule of thumb, the length of the forward swing should at least match the length of the backswing. While there is no exact backswing distance to hit a putt a certain length, players should look to let the length of their backswing determine how far the ball rolls.

When you practice your putting a good drill is to set up stations every three feet from the hole all the way back to thirty feet. Hit two putts from each station, at three feet, six feet, nine feet, and so on. While you hit these putts focus on the length of the backswing required to get the ball to the hole. As you back farther and farther away your stroke should be getting longer. By letting the length of your backswing determine how far the ball travels you will be much more consistent with your distance, and holding your finish will help with direction. Another benefit of a shorter stroke is less twisting and rotation in the clubface, which happens more when the backswing gets longer. By practicing this drill and focusing on the length of swing your overall putting will improve drastically. The key is to be able to hold your finish with the putter traveling down your target line, and making sure your forward swing is being finished.

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

Golf Shop News

October 2009 Hours of Operation

Weekend First Tee Time will start at 7:30 AM

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October 2009 Tournament Schedule

October 10:

Rescheduled Ladies 5th Package Event

Format: Based on 4 Player Teams, Best Ball of A/B & Best Ball of C/D added together for the team score.

Entry Fee: \$6.00

October 10:

Men's 7th (Final) Package Event

Format: "Replay a Shot", you may Replay 1 shot on the Front Side & 1 shot on the Back Side. This shot **Must** be used once it is played. Low Gross Winner & Low Net Winner

Entry Fee: \$20.00 for Non-Package Members.

October 11:

Couples Member - Guest

Format: Captain's Choice

Start Time: 1:00 PM

Entry Fee: \$150.00 Per Team, which includes all Cart & Green Fees, Range Balls, Lunch and Prizes.

Closest to Pin awards.

October 24-25:

Fall Member - Member

Format: Match Play, Pre-Flighted based on Handicaps, (3) 9 - Hole Matches on Saturday, (2) 9 - Hole Matches on Sunday.

Entry Fee: \$100.00 Per Team, which includes Prizes, Tee Gift, Lunch (both days) & Range Balls. Cart Fees are **NOT** included.

Can Rich Cohen & Michael Swigger run the table in the Member - Member Events? There will be plenty of teams gunning to take the crown away from our Spring Member - Member Champions.

October 31 - November 1:

Club Championship

Format: 2 Day Stroke Play Event, Flighted by Age Group, This is the Championship Event for Men, Women, Seniors & Juniors.

Entry Fee: \$25.00, which includes Range Balls, Prizes, Awards & Cocktail Party.

Cart Fees are **NOT** included.

Question & Answer - Golf Rules

13-4/27 Player in Bunker Takes Firm Stance and Then Smooths Footprints When He Decides to Play Different Type Shot

- Q. A Player places his feet firmly in the sand in a bunker, intending to play an explosion shot. He then changes his mind and decides to play a chip shot. He takes a different club and, before playing smooths out his original footprints because he does not want his feet so firmly implanted for a chip shot. Is this permissible?
- A. No. The player incurs a penalty under Rule 13-4a for testing the condition of the hazard. Rule 13-3 allows him to place his feet firmly in taking his stance. However, there is nothing in the Rules to permit the player to place his feet firmly and then smooths the footprints before the stroke, even if the smoothing is due to the player having changed his mind as to the type of stroke. If it were otherwise, the way would be for a player to test the condition of a bunker with his feet beyond any testing incidental to taking his stance.

16-1c/2 Ball Mark in Position to Assist Opponent

- Q. A and B are playing a match. At a par 3 hole, both are on the green with their tee shots. A's ball comes to rest four feet from the hole. B's ball is fifteen feet from the hole. Upon reaching the green, A prepares to repair his ball mark. B tells A not to do so until he (B) has putted because A's ball mark is so situated that B's ball might be deflected into the hole by it. A objects, stating that he wishes to repair his ball mark immediately. May A do so?
- A. No. If A were to repair the ball mark, he would lose the hole under Rule 1-2. A has no right to repair a ball mark affecting B's play if B requests A not to repair it, unless the ball mark also physically affects A's play and it is A's turn to play.

16-1c/3 Old Hole Plug Sunk or Raised on Line of Putt

- Q. A Player's ball lies on the green. An old hole plug is sunk or raised on the player's line of putt. What relief is available to the player?
- A. The player may attempt to raise or lower the plug to make it level with the surface of the putting green - Rule 16-1c. If this is impossible, he may discontinue play and request the Committee to raise or lower the plug. If the Committee cannot level the plug without unduly delaying play, the Committee should declare the plug to be ground under repair, in which case the player would be entitled to relief under Rule 25-1b(iii).

Course Update

Greetings Wildwood Green Members

The maintenance team has completed the final greens aerification for 2009. This aerification could not have come at a better time as the last few months of the summer weather presented many challenges to us. I can honestly say the maintenance team is looking forward to the fall season. With the cooler temperatures arriving, the greens will have a much improved putting surface.

The chipping green has been temporarily closed for reseeding. Once the green is re-established, it will be open for play.

As you are well aware, fall weather brings falling leaves. This means the maintenance staff will be using equipment such as blowers, vacuums and mulching mowers. Please remain patient with us in our pursuit to remove the leaves from the course over the next few months.

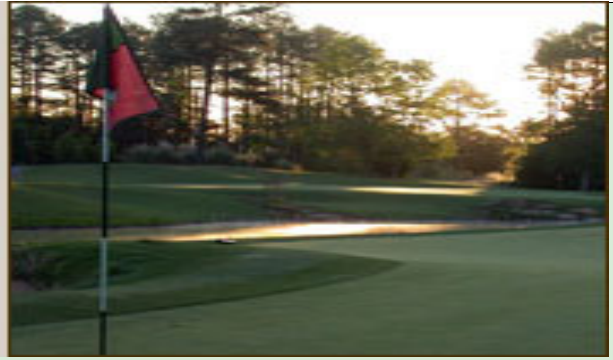
Other upcoming projects include; trap improvement, over-seeding high traffic tees and adding mulch to natural areas.

Thank you for all the comments that we have received, and as always, I can be reached via e-mail at rick@wildwoodgreen.com. See you on the links.



Sincerely Rick Durham

Rick Durham
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