



September 2009 Newsletter

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Golfers all love to watch the Major Golf Championship in our sport, The Masters, US Open, British Open, & the PGA Championship. Recently we finished one of our Major Championship at Wildwood Green Golf Club, **The Battle at Ballybunion**, your **Member-Guest Championship**. The festivities began with Friday's opening party as an Irish theme was set with an Irish lad walking up the 18th Hole playing the Bagpipe. Old friendships were renewed, and new friendships were formed. 72 Members and their Guest competed in four Flights. The overall Team Champion was crowned after an exciting Sudden-Death playoff victory among the four Flight Winners. Congratulations to Don Voelker and Bob Radics, the **Champions of the Battle at Ballybunion**.

We would like to thank every Member and their Guest for playing in the event. A special thanks goes out to Head Golf Professional, John Budwine, and his staff for a great job in serving all the players. Our Superintendent, Rick Durham, and his staff had the golf course in excellent shape. Robert Caldwell, F&B Manager, and his staff's performance was superb with breakfast each morning on the practice tee and lunch after play was completed each day. In closing we would like to thank our sponsors: Pepsi; E-Z Go Golf Carts; Outback Steakhouse; Tir Na Nog; Wildwood Green Golf Academy; Bunky's Car Wash; FastPark & Relax; Callaway Golf; Foot Joy; Golfsmith; Carolina Mudcats; Jimmy V Celebrity; Ahead.

Willis Denmark
General Manager/Golf Director
PGA Professional



Staff Spotlight

Food & Beverage Manager

Robert Caldwell



Robert Caldwell, our new Food & Beverage Manager, hails from Collierville, Tennessee. His family moved to Raleigh, NC back in 1988. Robert attended Leesville High School where he was a First Team All-State football player. Robert turned his high school football success into a scholarship, where he attended the University of Virginia from 2000 to 2002. Robert played Defensive End for the Cavaliers until injuries forced him to alter his plans. He then transferred to NC State. After college, Robert worked as the Food & Beverage Manager at the Millennium Hotel in Durham. He also owned and managed two Steak & Shake restaurants before coming to Wildwood Green Golf Club. Robert has been working at Wildwood Green for one year. Robert's hobbies include football, building furniture and traveling. Robert is also our staff Artist, as you will see his cartoons hanging around the Golf Shop Office.

Member News

Excellent Golf Accomplishments

- Hilliard Greene, from last Month's Newsletter one of our "older than dirt" guys, shot a 79 this month. He is 80 years old. Great Round!
- On August 20th, Trent Rhyne shot his career low a 69. Great playing, Trent!
- Bill Hopper shot his age on August 25, 2009 with a 78. Nice going old-timer.

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



The Chase for The Wildwood Green Cup Standings—Thru 5 Events

Paul Pratto	22
Stan Piotrowski	17
Ken Mayhew	17
Mike Peters	13
Scott Newman	10
Charles Hassinger	9
Arnold Ewing	9
Alan Foster	8
Tom Regan	7
Trent Rhyne	7
Art White	6
Mike Hughes	3
Bill Nolan	2
Paul Brenan	2
Bob Hounsell	0

Wildwood Green GC Golf Academy

Presents this month's Focus on Fundamentals

By

Jeff Engelhaupt



Get Limber!

It is important to be loose and limber when you are on the golf course. There are many times when running the counter I ask people if they would like to get a bucket to warm up with. Their response is usually a strong NO! Followed by, "I don't want to waste my good shots, or I don't have enough time"! Well, if you do not feel like warming up, which sometimes I don't either, then here are a couple of ways to get loose and stay loose while on the course.

Before you tee off, do some light stretching exercises. It is always a good idea to stretch your lower body for better rotation throughout your golf swing. Try keeping your legs straight while grabbing your toes. This age old stretching drill is great for stretching your hamstrings and thighs out. This will help with your stability, as well as making your legs loose, allowing you to make a strong turn with your lower body on your downswing.

Another thing would be to stretch your lower back. Many golfers, especially older ones, have lower back pain and trouble making a solid rotation. By stretching your lower back you will improve rotation for a more powerful swing. Grab your hands underneath your hamstrings right behind your knees and pull up. You will feel your lower back stretching. You shouldn't have to do this very hard, just enough to feel the burn!

By being loose and limber you will make a more solid rotation and drive the golf ball further than before!

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

Golf Shop News

September 2009 Hours of Operation

Weekend First Tee Time will start at 6:45 AM,

- September 12th switches to 7:00 AM

Weekday First Tee Time will start at 7:00 AM,

- September 14th switches to 7:30 AM

Battle at Ballybunion Member-Guest Results



Congratulations to all of our Champions and a special thank you to all participants for making the 1st Battle at Ballybunion a successful event.

Overall & Hogan Champions Don Voelker & Bob Radics



Palmer Champions Brian Toothman & Evan Roberts



Nicklaus Champions Jim Holler & Hunter Rooker



Nelson Champions Charles Hassinger & Roger Russell



September 2009 Tournament Schedule

September 26

Men's 6th Package, 9:00AM Shotgun
2 Best Ball Net Front 9, 3 Best Ball Net Back 9

September 26

Women's 5th Package, 9:00AM Shotgun
2 Best Ball Net Front 9, 3 Best Ball Net Back 9

Aerification on September 8th & 9th

9 Holes open each day



Golf Cheating - What's the Worst Rule breaking You've Seen?

ChapStick

I played with a guy that is a casual golfer, but is the longest/straightest 15 handicap you have ever seen in your life. I noticed before tee balls he would go and bend over at his bag, one day I caught him using chap stick on the face of his driver. This would limit the spin and keep him from having any back/side spin off the tee. He hit driver 320...and 5 iron 160. He was also guilty of dropping balls out of his pocket when he couldn't find the one he hit...but that paled in comparison to the "chap stick".

Ultimate Cheater

Vacationing in NJ and played a round with a small \$ pool for low net. One of the foursome was an old timer named Frank, but importantly I confused him with another player and called him Jack and he summarily ignored me. Wonder why? I thought he was deaf. Jack (aka Frank to all others) hit a drive obviously OB to the right over a small mound and generally not visible from the fairway. I am walking behind him but he is not aware of my presence and hits the ball, still out of bounds, forward, again, and again and eventually lands in a green side bunker (about 4 strokes). Elevation of the bunker is below the green and generally not visible. You guessed it: 2 swipes at the ball, looks around to the right and left (I am about 20 yards directly behind him and does not see me) picks up the ball and hand mashes it on the green, two putts and the scorer asks "what did u shoot Frank?". "5". 4 to the sand trap (from OB), 2 misses, a hand wedge and 2 putts. He told me he generally wins.

Never putts out

Played with a stranger when we only had 3 of our normal 4 players. This was a good player who hit long and straight drives and fairway shots, pitched and chipped well. He always one or two putted. Hit one putt, slapped a 2nd toward the hole, then picked up. Never over a 2 putt the entire round.

Course Update

Greetings Wildwood Green Members

Allow me to begin with a recap of the month of August. The new sod placed in areas on 7, 14 and 15 is growing in well. The cart signs and rope have been added to detour cart traffic in these areas. I would like to thank you for your cooperation in keeping clear of these areas. In addition to these improvements, three dead trees have been removed from the course along with the stumps. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, there is an aerification scheduled on greens, September 8th and 9th. This cultural practice will provide relief for the greens allowing water and air to penetrate into the soil profile and promote healthier roots. For those of you who have fescue lawns the same concept applies. September thru mid October is the ideal time to aerify and reseed. I would like to finish with a note on ball marks. We are experiencing far more ball marks on the greens that are not repaired or are repaired incorrectly. A properly repaired ball mark will heel in days as opposed to an improper repair taking weeks. First, insert your repair tool, tee or knife along the edges and not the center. Bring the edges together with a gentle twisting motion, don't lift the center. Smooth the surface with your club or foot. 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.

Sincerely Rick Durham

Rick Durham
Golf Course Superintendent



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