

# September 2024 Newsletter

## Wildwood Green Golf Club

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Medalist

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Couples Golf

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Ryder Cup



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## Director of Golf — Carter Gerwitz



Dear Members,

Summer has flown by and back to school season is here, so we say goodbye to all of our summer help. Sunshine and I have some new faces coming in so be sure to introduce yourself to them and make them feel welcome. Prepayments were completed this past month and a half; we now look towards 2025 and what the future is to bring. Rick has some big projects coming up including tee renovations, bunker completions, and mass tree/limb removal. Please be patient with us over this time period and as we complete these projects. We are excited for the final stretch of 2024 and owe a huge thanks to the membership for a successful year thus far.

Emergencies at Wildwood Green - Over the past month, I have updated Wildwood Greens first aid capabilities and emergency response preparedness. We have 3 fully compliant first aid kits located on the property, one of which is mobile and can be transported as needed. We also have an on-site AED in the event one is needed. To accompany these utilities, 8 staff members are certified by the AHA to utilize them. We hope to never have to use any of these items but want to be fully prepared in the event they are needed. We are lucky to have a firehouse right down the road, which leads to quick response times, but every second that passes can be invaluable towards the situation. In the event there is an emergency on property requiring immediate attention, you **SHOULD ALWAYS CALL 911 first!** Calling 911 and tending to the emergency are always first priority, but making the golf shop aware of the emergency as soon as you are capable is your next priority. There is a really good chance we beat fire or ambulance to the scene and may be able to provide the assistance necessary until they arrive. Please help to share this information with others so the Club as a whole can be ready for such an emergency should it ever occur.

Sincerely,

Carter Gerwitz

Director of Golf Wildwood Green Golf Club

## Director of Golf — Carter Gerwitz



### Upcoming Booking Alerts

**September 16th** - Meredith College Event - No tee times until 3:30pm - Affects Tee Time Booking on September 1st

**September 18th** - Maintenance Day - No tee times until 12:00pm - Affects Tee Time Booking on September 3rd

**September 21st & 22nd** - WWG Ryder Cup - Affects Tee Time Booking on September 6th & 7th

**September 23rd** - Fall Preemergent Day - Course and Practice Facilities Closed - Affects Tee Time Booking on September 8th

**September 27th** - NCSU Wrestling Event - No tee times until 2:30pm - Affects Tee Time Booking on September 12th

**October 3rd** - Elks Lodge Event - No tee times until 2:30pm - Affects Tee Time Booking on September 18th

**October 10th** - Carolinas Electronic Association Event - No tee times until 2:30pm - Affects Tee Time Booking on September 25th

**October 15th** - J.D. Gidley Event - No tee times until 3:00pm - Affects Tee Time Booking on September 30th

## Superintendent — Rick Durham



The weather roller coaster continues. The months of June and July we have experienced a drought, extreme heat, and excessive rain amounts. August brought the same cycle with a little tease of fall near the end of the month. Despite all these challenges we have managed to push through and continue with our improvements. Tee renovation has seen number two and nine completed and opened. Number three forward tees and six back tees have been sodded and should be open soon. Thirteen forward tees are prepped for sod and will be completed first week of September. All future tee renovations will pick back up in the spring now that we are nearing the end of the growing season. Our focus will shift to finishing bunker renovations. Our remaining bunkers are number seven, eight, nine and eleven. Other areas of improvement that we will be undertaking include extensive tree/limb removal and landscaping improvements. Agronomically there will be a fall fertilizer application and fall pre-emergent that has been scheduled for this month. Thank you for all your comments and suggestions and as always, I can be reached at [rdurham@wildwoodgreen.com](mailto:rdurham@wildwoodgreen.com)



## CLEARANCE SALE GOLF BALLS

Buy 1 dozen 15% off RETAIL

Buy 3 dozen 25% off RETAIL

Buy 2 dozen 20% off RETAIL

Buy 4+ dozen 30% off RETAIL



## The Golf Academy at Wildwood Green



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The fall semester of Operation 36 begins the week of Sept 9. A few openings remain in adult and junior classes. Go to [raleighgolflessons.com](http://raleighgolflessons.com), go to the Adult and Junior Operation 36 page and go to the link to set up a family administrative page and student page. If already established go to the family administrative page, select classes and register for an open class. Billing will be done by invoice on emails.



## Grille Manager — Sunshine Stogner



Happy September!  
I know we are all looking forward to the cooler temperatures!

This month we have:  
The Ray Griffin memorial tournament on the 13th, food, beer and snacks provided!  
On the 15th we have Couples Golf, don't forget to sign up! We will be having a southern buffet with BBQ Chicken and Pulled Pork!

The Wildflowers will have their annual member/member event on the 17th, the signup sheet is already up!

On the 21- 22 the Ryder Cup tournament is happening.

Reminder that the course will be closed on September 23rd and the grille will be closed for hot food on Mondays till further notice. Snacks and beverages will still be available for purchase.

Many of you have asked about Bingo, unfortunately, we are going to have to skip it this month, BUT The date scheduled for October is the 18th!

Friday Night Dinners October 4th and 18th!



## Another Wildwood Junior Golfer on the Rise.



Luke Wahlstrom is keeping the tradition of exceptional Wildwood Junior Golfers. In his last event Luke carded a 76 to win his flight. If you see Luke around the course be sure to tell him congratulations.

**If you have an accomplishment you'd like to share,  
please send it to [carter@wildwoodgreen.com](mailto:carter@wildwoodgreen.com)!**



### Member Accomplishments



### John McDonald Hole-In One!

**#5 the hardest handicapped hole on the course. Not many people step on to the tee box and expect to make eagle. John McDonald however knew he was getting the big bird. After a stellar tee shot he grabbed a 7 iron from about 145 out and carded 2. If you see him around be sure to congratulate him.**

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### **Jerry Bitzenhofer Hole-In One!**

If you're a member at Wildwood Green at some point you've either played in or heard of Jerry's game. Jerry has been a staple of Wildwood for years. What has been a staple for Jerry is making hole—in ones. Jerry recorded his 14th hole—in one on #6 the other day. If you see him around the clubhouse be sure to congratulate him.

[See the link below for a video.](#)

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**Upcoming Events**

[Go Here to View the September Monthly Events Calendar](#)



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## September Hours

# Hours of Operation

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Upcoming Events



Medalist

September 8<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM Tee Times  
Blue and Gold Tee Divisions  
Available



Upcoming Events

September  
COUPLES  
GOLF!

Sunday,  
September  
15<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM  
Shotgun



Upcoming Events

2024 W.W.G.C Ryder Cup

September 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>



# Wildflowers

**SEPTEMBER EVENTS** **NEW STARTING TIME 9:30 A.M.**

- September 3: **NO WILDFLOWERS**
- September 5: Wildflowers Thursday Play, **first 8 to sign up**
- September 10: **Two Best Ball Net Foursome**
- September 12: Wildflowers Thursday Play, **first 8 to sign up**
- September 17: Member/Member with Lunch sign up by 9/10
- September 19: Wildflowers Thursday Play, **first 8 to sign up**
- September 24: **Low Net**
- September 26: Wildflowers Thursday Play, **first 8 to sign up**

Don't forget Jack & Jill Event on October 1, with those WildOats !

*Member / Member on September 17*

***New Wildflowers Format***

***Select your Wildflowers partner and play in in the Wildflowers' Member/Member on September 17. If you have difficulty finding a partner, please contact either Diana Repanich (Pres.) or Carol Hauser, VP.***



*I am attaching the current Wildflowers*

*membership list.*

***It will be best ball of twosome and lunch following. \$15.00 for lunch and \$3.25 for prize. = \$18.25. Boxed Lunch is either of the following:***

***Turkey Sandwich, Ham, Chicken Salad, or Trio Salad plate. Box sandwich includes assorted chips, cookies, ice tea or water. You must RSVP your preference by 9/10 at the Wildwood Green Club Pro Shop.***



**Pres:** Diana Repanich  
**VP:** Carol Hauser  
**Sec:** Pam Peroutky  
**Treas:** Margo Madson  
**P. Pres:** Kay Rolly

**Ringers:** Donna Selgeon  
**Dir:** Bonnie Lindstrom  
**Facebook:** Beverly Stenzel  
**Newsletter:** Peg Hanna

**NEW STARTING TIME**  
**9 :30 AM**

Don't forget Wildflowers on Thursdays too! At 9:00 am.



**September Birthdays**

**Susan Dubois 9/6**

**Laura Ross 9/16**





**Thursday Play is a lot of fun! You can work on your game or acquire a GHNN Handicap.**

**Sign up each week by Tuesday, 2:00 pm for Thursdays.**



**Carol Hauser, 2023-2024 VP & 2024-2025 President**

Carol started swinging a golf club in the backyard when she was about 7 years old. Her father grew up playing golf and loved the sport. He actually played some matches against Arnold Palmer when they were both junior golfers in Ohio. Her father tried to pass his love of the sport to his three children. Two out of three got the golfing bug. Carol took some junior golf lessons when she was 10 years old and her family

was living in Ireland. Part of the program was allowing junior golfers to establish a handicap if they played just one round of 18 and it you didn't even have to play all the holes on the same day. Over a couple of weeks, she managed to play all 18 holes. Carol was very proud of her score of 202! (Needless to say, her parents told her that she had to get better before she could play in any junior events.) She started playing more when she was 12 years old and they were back in the US. Carol's family joined a country club that had a strong junior golf program. Carol started in the 9 hole league and graduated to the 18 hole league when she was in high school. She also played some junior golf in the state of Connecticut and won a few of those tournaments. There were not a lot of junior girl golfers at that time. There were usually only around 10 players in the state tournaments. Even though there weren't a lot of players, she did have a lot of fun. Carol played one year of college golf at Duke during her sophomore year. Carol stated she wasn't good enough to be on the primary team and decided that golf was taking too much time away from her studies ... well, and a few other things she wanted to do. She didn't play much after that. When Carol was working, she played once a month or so with the LPGA Amateurs (formerly known as the EWGA). They had a 9 after 5 group that played at Wildwood Green every week. I got to know the course through that group. When Carol retired in August 2021, she started playing more regularly. Carol has been good friends with Susan Dubois for many years and she encouraged me to join the Wildflowers. After playing with the Wildflowers for about a year, she joined Wildwood Green as a member. Diana Repanich asked her to be her VP this year. She told me there really wasn't much to do. So Carol thinks she has been doing a great job of not doing much! Haha!! Carol will be President next year and hopes to see everyone in the Wildflowers on the course this Fall.

**How to Improve Golf Club Distances**

- **Regular Practice:** Consistent practice sessions, including working on swing mechanics and strength training, can help improve your distances.
- **Professional Coaching:** Seeking guidance from a golf pro's can provide personalized tips & techniques to enhance club distances.
- **Custom Club Fitting:** Getting clubs custom-fitted based on individual physical attributes and swing characteristics can maximize efficiency & distance.
- **Keeping Track of Your Distances:** Logging your distances for each club on the regular, will help you know what you normally hit for each club, help you learn which to choose, and where you should focus on improving.



Announcements



**Where Champions Play!**



# Course Etiquette

There are many aspects involved in maintaining a golf course. The superintendent has the biggest role to play, but there is immense responsibility on the members and players of the course to maintain its status and improve overall conditions. The upkeep the players on the course have during their round makes the job of the superintendent easier on a day-to-day basis and will improve conditions in the long run. Do your part to ensure that our course continues to improve and be the best course it can

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No Smoking Under The Patio!



Acer's Club—Go low, win big



## **Acers Club at Wildwood Green**

Previous Winner: Jim Holmes (April 2024)

**\$5 Entry**  
Get in Now!

**Entire Pot to the Winner!**



Monthly Events Calendar



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**EVENT  
CALENDAR  
OUT NOW**

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this image to view!

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