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## **Director of Golf — Carter Gerwitz**



## **Dear Members**,

2024 has flown by for all of us at Wildwood Green, and we want to extend our sincere thanks to each of you for making this past year such an exciting time at our club. As we welcome the new year, we are thrilled to announce several new initiatives aimed at enhancing your experience here at Wildwood Green Golf Club.

## **Introducing the Online Golf Shop**

We are excited to launch our new online Golf Shop, available year-round. This will allow us to offer an expanded selection of premium boutique brands for men, women, and juniors, as well as a variety of accessories. Each item can be customized with your choice of Wildwood Green logos and shipped directly to your door. The shop will feature both exclusive brands that may not be available in-store and some of our most popular options, providing you with more variety than ever before, all without the limitations of physical space. To explore the new Golf Shop, please visit the "Golf Shop" tab on our website.

## Changes to the Driving Range in 2025

We have some exciting updates coming to the driving range in the first quarter of 2025. Starting soon, we will transition from codes to swipe cards for accessing range balls. Those who have the unlimited balls membership will receive a range card that allows you to retrieve balls from the machine without needing to call, email, or visit the golf shop. For members and guests who pay for each bucket, you can swipe your credit or debit card directly at the machine. We will announce when this new system is live and members can collect their range cards. Additionally, we will be updating the targets and bag stands on the driving range.

## Online Signups for Gaggle, WildFlower, and WildOats

Starting today, signups for Gaggle, WildFlower, and WildOats are now fully online. For more details on how the online signup process works, please visit Clubster or our website. We are working to modernize and streamline our operations for both staff and member convenience. In the future, we plan to expand this to include signups for MGA, Medalist, and tournament events.

## A New Cart Fleet in 2025

And finally, 2025 marks our "NEW CART" year! After a quarter of a million rounds with our current fleet, we're excited to announce that our new fleet of 66 carts will arrive in April. We can't wait for you to experience the upgrades this new fleet will bring to your time on the course. We will share more details as we get closer to the arrival of our new carts.

We greatly appreciate your continued support and look forward to your feedback as we continue to improve your experience at Wildwood Green Golf Club.



## **Superintendent — Rick Durham**

You may have noticed that the covers for greens have been placed out on the course. We will be unfolding and marking edges so when the time comes to cover, we will be prepared. Many factors are considered when we decide whether to cover greens. Low temperatures are obviously one of the main factors, but you also must consider how long will the temperatures be that low. One or two hours of low temperatures would not be a big concern if the elevated temperature for the day reached the midforties. Moisture levels need to be monitored also. A cold wet event is much better than a cold dry event. We will keep you informed when a weather event is on the way as regards covering. As always, I can be reached at rdurham@wildwoodgreen.com for questions and concerns.

# **Golf Shop Updates**

## Our Biggest Sale Ever!

We are excited to announce that starting Sunday, January 5th, Wildwood will be hosting our biggest sale ever – and you won't want to miss it! For one week only, we are offering incredible discounts on a wide range of items, including soft goods, hard goods, and even some equipment that is no longer in use.

Whether you're looking for clubs, balls, hats, shirts, gloves, or something more unique like scooters, leaf blowers, tables and chairs, or range mats, we have it all – and everything is priced to sell! Enjoy discounts from 30% to 80% off as we clear out our inventory. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to snag high-quality items at unbeatable prices!

The sale will take place in the **pavilion** every day from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, running through Saturday, January 11th. Mark your calendars – you won't find a deal like this anywhere else!

We accept Cash, Credit Card, and Check for all purchases, making it easy for you to take home what you need.

Don't wait – the items are going fast, and everything must go! We look forward to seeing you there.

## The Golf Academy at Wildwood Green











# January 2025 Newsletter

Happy New Year from all of us at The Golf Academy at Wildwood Green! Best wishes for good health and fortune and of course, a better golf game for the New Year. We are currently finalizing and implementing a formal club fitting procedure to help you get the best equipment in your hands so you are able to play your best golf. With the Mizuno Shaft Optimizer and TrackMan technology, we will be able to quickly identify components of clubs that can optimize your abilities. We will have a club fitting questionnaire and a pre-fitting data gathering that will narrow possibilities and make the most efficient use of your time in the fitting experience. Fittings will be done in segments of clubs including Driver, Fairway Woods and Hybrids, Irons, Wedges and Putters and include pricing for a total bag fitting. We will share more details in the next few weeks and we look forward to putting the best clubs for you in your hands.

Our Programming for 2025 will begin in late January into February with our Junior Winter Skills Classes. Registration begins January 10 with information and class schedules on our webpage, raleighgolflessons.com, go to the Adult and Junior Operation 36 page and drop down boxes and enter Winter Skills Classes. The 2025 Adult and Junior Operation 36 dates have been set and are on the same page but go to the Adult and Junior Operation 36 drop down box. The class offerings for the spring semester will be posted in the next few days. The Get Golf Ready dates will be posted soon for 2025. Our PGA Junior League information will be posted towards the end of January or early February as we know the information. We will have a U13 team and again gauge interest on a U17 team. The PGA Junior League season will run from early May into early July.

Our Instructors have over 200 years experience including 44 years with Jimmy Hamilton, 2021 Carolinas PGA Teacher of the Year, 43 years with Jeff Robinson, 36 years for Jeff Glatfelter, 35 years for Pam Rogers, 26 years for Greg Greksa, 15 years for Dave Snyder and 4 years for Joe Mullen. If something can happen in a golf game, we have most likely seen it and can help you change to the better. See you on the lesson tee soon!









## **Grille Manager — Sunshine Stogner**

## Happy January Ya'll

This month we say goodbye to family and the busy holiday season, we get ready to bunker down and watch the cold weather roll in (hopefully snow ③) and bring in the New Year.

Champions Grille is looking forward to a bunch of new changes this year!

With a new menu, new daily specials and new events coming!

Poker is on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22nd

We will have BINGO on January 17<sup>th</sup>

Please R.S.V.P by calling the grille, or e-mailing sunshine@wildwoodgreen.com



## **Member Accomplishments**

## **Beverly Stenzel 2024 Carolinas Cup Champion**

At the end of the Race to the Carolinas Cup regular season, the player with the most points is named the Carolinas Cup Champion. In the event of a tie, multiple champions are named. This award is given at the year-end Carolinas Cup Tournament. Congratulations to Beverly for a wonderful season.

If you have an accomplishment you'd like to share, please send it to <u>carter@wildwoodgreen.com!</u>

## **Upcoming Events**

Go Here to View the January Monthly Events Calendar





# **January Hours**

# Hours of Operation

**Effective January 1st** 

Day of the Week	Golf Shop Hours	First Tee Time	Range Hours
Monday- Thursday	8:30am – 5:00pm	9:00am	8:30am – 4:30pm
Friday-Saturday	9:00am - 5:00pm	10:00am SG	9:00am - 4:30pm
Sunday	9:00am - 5:00pm	10:00am SG	9:00am - 4:30pm *RANGE CLOSES AT 3:00pm*

Champions Grille Hours: Monday - Sunday: 9:00am - 4:00pm

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 January: 4:30 PM
 July: 7:30 PM

 February: 5:00 PM
 August: 7:00 PM

 March: 5:30 PM / 6:00 PM
 September: 6:30 PM

 April: 6:30 PM
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 May: 7:00 PM
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 June: 7:30 PM
 December: 4:30 PM

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#### **Announcements**

# **Interclub Signups Open Now!**

Registration for the 2025 Interclub season is now open! Ensure your spot by registering before February 15th. Payment is required upon registration, which includes a PUMA team collared shirt.

For those unfamiliar with Interclub, it is a competitive event where Wildwood Green forms a team to compete against other clubs in the Carolinas, such as River Ridge, Devils Ridge, and Falls Village. With a strong history of success, we are confident in bringing home a trophy in 2025.

If you have any questions regarding the format or expectations for playing on a Wildwood Green Interclub team, please reach out to Carter at <a href="mailto:carter@wildwoodgreen.com">carter@wildwoodgreen.com</a>.

## **Entry Fee:**

\$65 for one team, \$25 for each additional team (includes a team PUMA shirt) Members may compete for all three teams if eligible

## Leagues:

- Regular (18+)
- Senior (55+)
- Super Senior (65+)

## **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Payment must be made at the time of registration
- Must be a male listed on the club's GHIN handicap roster
- Must be in good standing with the club
- Must have at least 10 posted scores within the last 12 months
- Regular League: Must have a 12-month low index of 18.4 or lower (no index limit for Senior League)
- Regular League: Must be at least 18 years of age
- Senior League: Must be 55 years or older
- Super Senior League: Must be 65 years or older
- The regular season runs from March through July, with the postseason beginning in August.

To register, please call or email the golf shop at: (919) 846-8376



#### **Announcements**



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. **Please look at court conditions before taking push carts into the fairway and near the greens.** 

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**No Smoking Under The Patio!** 



Acer's Club-Go low, win big



## **Monthly Events Calendar**

