

# Wildwood Golf Club Middletown, OH

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### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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Wow! These last few winter weeks were the busiest that I have seen in all the years that I can remember—four music groups rocking the old building and attracting a multitude of guests and members. The more people we attract to see our club the better. You never know what will cause someone to join. Jordon, Nick, our staff and the social committee are thanked for their hard work in making all of our social events successful. Jordon tells me that many music groups in the area are calling

asking to be included in our events. I'm seeing signs of spring everywhere. One of the first things you will notice when you get out on the course is how many dead trees our great volunteers have removed. Plans are in place to remove the stumps. If you have ideas for social events, tournaments or anything that will make our club better, contact Jordan or any board member. I have passing along some of our history recently. This month we will go back to 1974-75. A committee was formed to enclose the

screened-in porch to be used during the winter because of the large crowds. Years later, the bar was extended into this area. Last year we removed the divider wall and made one big room. In April of 1975, Armco Steel agreed to sell the property to the club for \$343,000. At the time it was estimated that the property could be worth as much as \$1 million if properly developed. The decision was made that each member would pay \$35 for the first year and increase to \$50 per year for 10 years to become an owner. This policy continues today. Also in 1975, Barbara Romack, an LPGA member played a 9-hole exhibition round here. Another sign of the times,

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there was a shoeshine room in the basement. See you at the club.

~Charlie Weidner

### **GROUNDS & GREENS**

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Clean up day will be March 19th starting @ 8 am. Jordan will have a list of things that we will work on to get our course ready. In case of rain, the makeup day will be March 26th.

Also don't forget, the course will not be open until noon on clean up day. Look forward to seeing everyone up there!

~Josh Davenport

### **IT REPORT**

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I don't know what it is about Wildwood, but even new members want to do their part to improve our facilities, our experiences, and our services.

We just had another example of this over the past month. As a result of a local business' recommendation, Wildwood attracted and landed a new member,

Mark Fleeger, along with his wife, Mary. Mark and his family recently relocated to Middletown from Lima, Ohio. After he joined, we found out that Mark brings with him a wealth of knowledge on telephony and security systems. Even better, Mark brings with him the backing of his company, Homeland Technology Group ([www.htgus.com](http://www.htgus.com)). We are in the process of converting our current antiquated telephone and security solutions to high-tech solutions provided by Mark and his company. When it is all said and done, we will be state-of-the-art with a phone system that allows us to transfer calls between the Pro Shop and the Clubhouse and between the phones in the Clubhouse; we will have a fax solution that doesn't require a standard phone line; and our security system platform has been upgraded to include technology to monitor and acti-

vate/deactivate from mobile devices. In the near future, we will be adding programmable thermostats that can also be managed remotely. As an added benefit of working with a client-centric company like Homeland, they will first attempt to contact Wildwood points of contact before contacting the police, so in the case of an inadvertent alarm, we won't receive a bill from the police. In addition, we are getting these additional and upgraded capabilities while spending less than our current phone and security monthly fees.

It is important to note that while Mark is bringing his company's products to Wildwood, he's also investing in labor and security and phone components at no cost to Wildwood. All-in, Mark has donated over \$1,500 in parts and labor to Wildwood as his way of helping Wildwood; all of this during his first month of membership. Pg 2

## FINANCE REPORT

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It has come to my attention that **there was an error with the recent dues billing** that was mailed to you. The EFT form was inadvertently omitted in the billing to many members. We apologize for this error. However, please remember that if you choose/chose the EFT option, a minimum of \$250 PLUS the \$25 EFT fee for a total of \$275 must accompany your application. If the EFT form did not accompany your mailing, please pick up a form at the clubhouse and submit it with the correct amount. Again, apologies and thanks for your assistance. For the first four months of our new fiscal year ending January 31<sup>st</sup>,

the Club reported net income of \$25,000 vs. \$7,000 for the same four-month period a year ago. These results were due to total, overall revenue increasing \$11,000 and overall expenses decreasing by \$7,000. Please remember that these results are reported on an accrual accounting basis. Since October 1<sup>st</sup> of last year, the Club has received eleven new memberships—five regular family, one regular single, one junior family, one junior single, one “junior, junior” single, and two social. Keep those friends and families coming! ~ Sonny Bach

## SOCIAL REPORT

KRISTIN ANDERSON

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We're getting so close to "consistently" beautiful weather and the start of the golf season! But until then, we've been eating! A huge shout out to our guest chefs - "fish fryer extraordinaire" Tom Sauer and "master of the grill" Bob McConnell, as well as our awesome staff! Bring the kids and grandkids out to our second annual Easter Brunch with Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 26th. Call the Club House to RSVP! In addition to our March events, save the date for our second annual Master's "Green Jacket" Party, Sunday April 10th. Enjoy your club this month!

~Kristin Anderson

## HOUSE REPORT

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The clubhouse has been on budget so far this year barring any equipment breakdowns. The clubhouse has really been buzzing the last few months and it is not even golf season yet! Can't wait to see how many come out when we get into full swing. How many of you would be interested in a Texas Hold 'Em poker night? Any other ideas let us know.

~Jimmie Taylor

### IT Continued

For those cynics amongst you, yes...Mark will be making money from this venture, but I can assure you that it will take him more than a few years before he recoups his upfront investment. He did this to help out our club. If you see Mark around the club or the golf course, please thank him for quickly becoming a contributing member of Wildwood's volunteer community. And if you need a new or improved security system for your home or business, give Mark and his company a call.

~Brian Brown

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