

Wildwood Golf Club Middletown, OH

TEE TO GREEN - MAY 2016



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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April was the second anniversary of Jordan Lawson's acceptance of employment at Wildwood Golf Club. He was initially our golf pro but six months later we asked him to take on the position of general manager. We have never had a G.M. so it took some time put together how his position and our Board should work together. I think we are now in sync. In the last two years Jordan has done everything we have asked of him and much more. He has not only revised the spirit of our club, he has put us on the map with all of the creativity and energy he has instilled in our social events and golf activities. I want to announce that the Board and Jordan have

agreed to a three year contract so he can continue his career here now and hopefully longer. I would like to see Luke start his golf career here. Last month I asked about the beginning of our clean-up day. Dick Roots informed me that he proposed the idea in 1984 after a bad winter that had left a mess on the course. He said that it was a big success thus a tradition began. Now that the golf season has arrived reality has set in. I'm not as good as I thought I was or somebody has lengthened the course. Do you have a favorite hole? Not counting the 19th hole, I've aced 10 and 16, but I think my favorite is number 5. After four bogies or double bogies coming up the hills I

can finally get the ball in the air and maybe sneak in a par. We have a great schedule of tournaments coming up so try to get involved. Draw tournaments are a great way for new members to meet people. I have a little history this month. In 1981 a group of volunteers built the gas grill at the end of the deck with donated materials, some of us are still around. A 1981 TTG had some different rules for good players whose scores would reflect their true ability if only they got an even break #1: A ball hitting a tree should be deemed not to have hit the tree. Hitting a tree is simply bad luck and has no place in a scientific game. The player should estimate the distance the ball would have traveled if it had not hit the tree and play the ball from there,

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preferably from atop a nice firm tuft of grass. #2 There shall be no such thing as a lost ball. The missing ball is on or near the course somewhere and eventually will be found and pocketed by someone else. It thus becomes a stolen ball and the player should not compound the felony by charging himself with a penalty stroke. More next month. See you around the club!

FINANCE REPORT

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At the end of March, we completed the first six months of our fiscal year. As they say, "Where does the time go?" Compared to last year, revenue for the first six months was up about 3.5% and net income came in at \$54K, which was double that for the same period. Dues revenue was basically flat year-on-year but increases from cart

rentals last fall and increased food sales in the kitchen led the gains. On the expense side, lower costs on the course and kitchen/clubhouse contributed to the higher net income. We continue to look at all of our expenses as our goal is to turn a profit this year. The Lifetime membership campaign has, so far, been

successful to the tune of \$125,000. The Board would like to give a huge thanks to those members who have contributed to this effort which will now provide the Club with the opportunity to restructure its outstanding debt. Charlie Weidner, Jordan, and myself, met with our bank this past week to share information and present proposals as to our options moving forward. First Financial seems very pleased with our past progress and continued momentum.

Next month we will provide you with an update on our membership status. Dues were to be paid April 1st and after April 30th, we will be contacting those who have not responded to the billing.



POOL AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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We are looking forward to the opening of the pool Memorial Day weekend! To prepare for the opening we would like to once again host a pool clean-up day. Last year was very successful and hope that you can join us again. This event will be **May 22nd from 10am-3pm**. Please come any or all of that time. We are accepting donations of flowers and plants that can be planted around the pool. Simply bring your donations that day to be planted! Also, coming up is our second annual Memorial Day Weekend Pool Party! There will be music, a barbeque bus to purchase food, split the pot, and beverages for purchase. Stay tuned for more details! One last note, we have enough lifeguards for the season.

Thank you to those who helped us fill these positions.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to **welcome all of our new Members to Wildwood Golf Club!** I hope you take advantage of everything Wildwood has to offer and enjoy your membership as much as my family and I do. Recently there has been some question about what qualifies a Member for a Heritage Membership. The Board has clarified the Heritage Membership classification. Anyone who already has a Heritage Membership will be grandfathered into the previous Heritage Membership privileges. However, moving forward, the Board will vote and approve

Heritage memberships based on the following criteria:

- Widows, widowers, or divorced members who are not avid golfers
- Seniors or disabled members who are no longer able to play due to physical restrictions
- Members who live over 50 miles from Wildwood

For the full description of the Heritage Membership, please visit the website. If anyone has any questions about membership, please contact me.

G&G REPORT

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Ah, the golf season is here. We have a couple of tournaments coming up and we are hosting the 2nd annual Big Mammal Scramble. Last year was a great event. The men's league kicked off last week and there are 26 teams playing in the league.

Please ,everyone take the time to take care of our course. I'm seeing way too many divots not being replaced, ball marks not being fixed, sand traps not being raked, and cigarette butts on the course. Take the extra 10 to 20 seconds to keep our course as playable and beautiful as possible.

IT REPORT

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The transition of our phone system is nearly complete. This has been quite the journey and has improved our phone capabilities and over the long run will lower our annual costs. On an editorial note, Cincinnati Bell may be the worst company in the area to work with. Their customer service is non-existent and they make doing anything with them 10 times as hard as it should be. The Pro Shop has a new credit card reader that includes the new security chip feature. The Wi Fi in the Clubhouse and Pro Shop appear to be stable. It's nice

sitting on the porch and having a strong signal with which to Tweet, Snap, Post, etc....pictures and comments overheard on the porch. What happens on the porch, stays on the porch...for about 10 seconds and then it's online and available for all to ridicule. If anyone has any suggestions for our website, or anything in the technology area that would benefit Wildwood, don't hesitate to let me know.

HOUSE REPORT

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The clubhouse is staying very close to budget year to date. So far, the aging equipment has been kind to us. Since golf season has begun, the Clubhouse has been seeing a lot more traffic. Nick and his crew has been serving up some fine food. Any new ideas or improvements, let me know. Looking forward to seeing you all at the club.

Upcoming Events

Wildwood Invitational
Postponed

Big Mammal Scramble
May 21

Pool Opens
May 28

Memorial Day Tournament
Honoree: Walt Siewny
May 28-29

WW Sebald
Club Championship
June 4-5