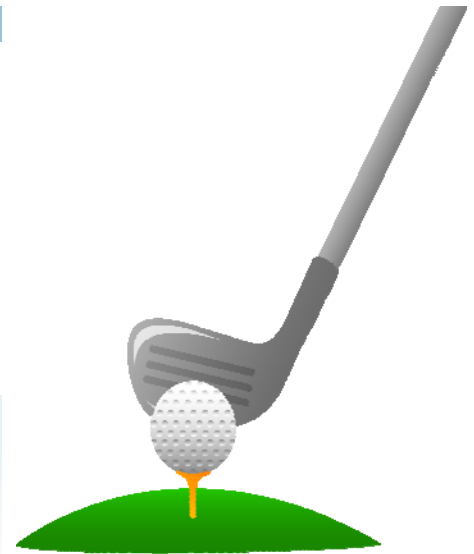


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Tee to Green



From the President, Brian Brown

We've all survived another winter, though this past one didn't test our survival skills as much as normal. Golf season is officially upon us. The course, under Dan Francis' care, is looking and playing fantastic. I know that anyone who has played has noticed the improvement of the green speed and Dan promises it'll only get better. In addition to the work Dan and his crew are doing, the Wildwood volunteer brigade continues to show why Wildwood is such a special place. Dave Brown and his helpers are nearing completion on the new deck. Mike Fening had his crew pitch in on some painting. Clean-up day was successful with as many volunteers as I can remember seeing in a long time.

As a reminder, Wildwood is changing its fiscal year to coincide with our membership year so a new annual financial reporting period started on April 1st. This means virtually nothing to the membership, but it helps our finance committee board members better prepare and manage a budget.

As always, if you need anything, I'm always reachable via email.

Technology Update

A shout out to Mark & Mary Fleeger for their donation of new high-end speakers for the clubhouse. These will improve the volume and sound quality of Gomia's painful, drawn out number calling for our weekly and monthly draws. Personally, I think Mary donated them so we could all hear the announcements over Mark's *occasional* chatter. *Thx Flegers!*

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Special points of interest



General Manager Update, Jordan Lawson

It's so wonderful to finally have an actual Spring for once instead of going straight from Winter to Summer like we have the past several years. I've been making an effort to get out and play more to enjoy our wonderful golf course and members. I would love to play with each and every member, so please don't hesitate to invite me into your group.

I've had several inquiries about my teaching schedule. Tuesday evenings, and early afternoon Fri, Sat, and Sunday work well for me. My teaching schedule is not limited to those times though. Typically if you give me a couple of different times to choose from, I'll be able to make one of them work. There is no better investment into your own game than education and training.

As I've been out playing our beautiful golf course, I have noticed there are a few things that may need some reminding of.

Gimmies: *"An agreement between two golfers who can't putt". As I've been playing with more and more different members, I've noticed the range of given puts is getting a little too, shall we say.....friendly. If you're simply playing with your buddies with nothing at stake, then it's no big deal. However, if you are playing in any kind of structured game, a good rule to use for gimmies is 12 inches or the length of a standard grip. The percentage of putts that the average golfer misses from outside that range is higher than you may think, especially with our greens speeding up. We have a lot of great money games out here, and it's something I take great pride in and often use as a selling point to potential new members. We must protect the value and integrity of those games. Even if the given put is for bogey, double, or even triple, it can have a significant outcome on the game. So let's start putting them in the hole. Isn't that a fun sound to hear anyways!?"*

Dress Code: Our Dress Code policy for the golf course is in effect from May 1st through September 30th. During these months, all male golfers

are required to wear a collared shirt. The newer style mock collars are permitted. Lady golfers may wear sleeveless golf attire, as long as it's not a thin strap or halter top. T-shirts, denim pants or shorts, and athletic shorts are not permitted on the golf course by any golfers. Please inform your guest of these policies beforehand.

5-somes: Everyone complains about 5-somes until they find themselves in one, right? I often get asked if we allow 5-somes on the golf course. The answer is Yes, but only in very specific situations. If I know that there will not be any more play for a significant amount of time behind a group of 5, then I will grant permission with the stipulation that as soon as a group comes up behind the 5-some they must split into 2 and 3 or let the group play through immediately. Never should a group play in a 5-some without permission from me first. If you ever find yourself behind a 5-some, or any group for that matter, that is holding up play, please call the pro shop and notify myself or the staff. I'm going to try to get out and ranger more this year, but the fix is very simple. If your group is holding up another group and there's an open hole in front of you, please let the group go through.

Starting on #10 Tee: Please do not start on #10 Tee without permission from the pro shop.

General Golf Etiquette: I have been very pleasure thus far with how everyone is taking care of the golf course. Bunkers have been raked nicely and unrepaired ball marks and divots have been minimal. Nice work and let's keep it up!!

2017 Tournament Dates

Fri, May 5th – Abilities First Golf Outing (course closed until 5:00pm)
Sat, May 6th – The Derby Draw
Sat, May 13th – The Draft Tournament (Draft held on Thurs, May 11th)
Fri, May 19th – Kiwanis Golf Outing (course closed until 5:00pm)
Sun, May 21st – The Blaze Golf Outing (member play will be shotgun start at 8:00am)
Sat & Sun, May 27th and 28th – The Memorial Tournament
Sat, June 3rd thru Sun June 11th – The C.R. Hook Club Match Play Championship
Fri, June 16th – Father's Day Shoot Out – 5:30pm
Sat & Sun, June 24th & 25th – W.W. Sebald Club Stroke Play Championship. Men's and Ladies.
Sat & Sun, July 1st & 2nd – 4th of July Tournament
Sat, July 15th – Justin Brittain Memorial Scholarship Outing (member play will be a shotgun at 8:00am)
Sat & Sun, July 22nd & 23rd – Ladies Calcutta
Sat & Sun, July 29th & 30th – The Classic
Sat, August 5th – Fenwick Alumni Outing (member play will be a shotgun start at 8:00am)
Mon, August 7th – Mary Alice Mack Senior Women's Invitational
Sun, August 13th – Holy Family Parish Outing (member play will be a shotgun at 8:00am)
Sat, August 19th – Veterans Memorial Scholarship Outing (member play will be a shotgun at 8:00am)
Sat, August 26th – The Jimmy Buffett
Mon, August 28th – YMCA Golf Outing
Sat & Sun, September 2nd & 3rd – Men's Calcutta
Sat & Sun, September 9th & 10th – Senior Club Championship. Men's and Women's
Mon, September 11th – Junior Achievement Golf Outing
Sun, October 1st – Superintendent's Revenge
Sun, October TBA – The Horn Scramble

Clubhouse Update, Jim Taylor



Pool Update, Nick Callsen

We are less than 1 month away from pool season! Thank you for all the interest in lifeguarding this summer! We have a few returning faces and several new lifeguards joining us for the summer. We will be hosting our 3rd annual pool concert on May 27th. Look for more information in the coming weeks. Additionally, we will also host a pool clean-up day. We have tentatively set this date for Sunday, May 21st from 9:00am-2:00pm. We had a great turn out last year and hope to get the pool looking great again this year! If you would like to donate any flowers, please bring them with you to clean up day! Thank you in advance for a great season!

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Nick and Jessica Callsen or Kyle and Ali Wolf.

Finance Update, Sonny Back and Paul Mosko

The responses from our April 1 dues billing reflects a current Wildwood membership of 255, with 204 golfing memberships, 39 social, and 12 heritage. A year ago at this time, membership stood at 251 but with less golfing and more social so this is a positive step for the club as far as dues are concerned. In January the membership count was 268 so with this billing, the club has received 26 resignations but also the good news of 13 new members since January for a net loss of 13. New membership interest/inquiries continue on a daily basis so thanks and keep up the networking!

For the period just ended October 1 through March 31, the club saw an increase in revenue of just over 8% compared to the prior year. However, net income increased for this same period by 20% as the club continued to reduce costs wherever possible. Kitchen revenue for the same period increased by nearly 9% even with lower revenue on food sales but net income for the kitchen more than doubled during this same period. Let's keep the momentum!

As a reminder, for those members who made down payments during the winter, we want to thank you again, but also remind you to please look at your Wildwood statement and remit the balances due the club.

Grounds Superintendent Update, Dan Francis

In like a lion with early April showers and out like a mouse with cool temps and May flowers. A lot of ground work has been laid this month to tidy up projects, finish many needed details and begin to focus on the summer.

Greens and fairways were kept on the firm dry side to encourage my roots to drive down searching for moisture. This will be instrumental during the summer to have a decent or substantial root zone six to seven inches down as we anticipate heat and humidity. The next step will be to protect "crown" or base of the leaf blade on the greens. This will be done by light and monthly topdressings and then broom it into the canopy.

As aerification holes remained this spring I have opted out of "punching holes" instead my team and I will accomplish a double vertical cut and topdressing. This is a process that will remove "thatch" or dead organic plant material from our putting surfaces. This will create a firmer, more true putting surface along with giving moisture a better chance to penetrate into the soil instead of being bound up in the top 2-3 inches. Have I lost you yet?

I am always more than happy to screen questions or answer the many WHY and WHATS you may have. Let's have a great May and I look forward to seeing more and more of you on property as the season progresses. Stay classy Wildwood.



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Wildwood Golf Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy Hour 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	2	3	4 Weekly Draw 7:00 PM	5 Abilities First Golf Outing Course Closed	6 Derby Draw Tourney Derby Party 4-7 PM
7	8 Happy Hour 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	9	10	11 Weekly Draw 7:00 PM The Draft 7:45 PM	12	13 The Draft Tournament
14 Mother's Day Brunch 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM	15 Happy Hour 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	16	17 Monthly Draw 7:00 PM	18 Weekly Draw 7:00 PM	19 Kiwanis Golf Outing Course Closed	20
21 The Blaze Outing Member Shotgun 8:00 AM	22 Happy Hour 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	23	24 Cigar Night 6-8 PM	25 Weekly Draw 7:00 PM Memorial Draw 7:30 PM	26 Pool Opening Day 3:00 PM	27 The Memorial Pool Party ft. 5 th Crow 5:00 Pm to 9:00 Pm
28 The Memorial	29 Happy Hour 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Memorial Day	30	31	Weekly Draw 7:00 PM		

Green – Tournament

Blue – Social

Red – Outside Event

Welcome to our New and Returning Members

- Richard and Gail Graham Middletown, Family Golf Membership
- Donald E. Weidner Middletown, Social Membership
- James Parks Middletown, Junior Single Golf Membership
- Lucas Thomas Middletown, Junior Family Golf Membership
- David Burt Middletown, Single Golf Membership
- Jack and Cindy Osborne Middletown, Regular Family Membership
- Jason and Erin Weidner Monroe, Regular Family Membership
- Kyle Brown Middletown, Junior Single Membership
- Dane Donham Middletown, Single Golf Membership
- Erik Gregory Middletown, Junior Single Golf Membership
- Jim Miller Middletown, Single Golf Membership

