

News from Coharie

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By George!



The short walk to the Coharie Country Club pro shop takes George Williams through a narrow laundry room, out a screened back door, down four brick steps and past a Cub Cadet riding mower that the 93-year-old retiree uses to cut his own grass.

The first tee box sits just beyond the entrance to his horseshoe-shaped driveway, leaving a putting green as the last obstacle in Williams' pursuit of a golf cart. Granted access to one, he drives back home to pick up his clubs and returns to the spot where another afternoon round is set to begin.

Unwavering enthusiasm for a maddening game has helped Williams continue to experience what, to this point, has been a long and healthy life. "You need to get up looking forward to doing something that day," Williams says. "You need to keep your mind active as well as your body." Williams reads late into the night and rarely goes to bed before 12:30 a.m. A talented

golfer, he says he hasn't posted a score higher than his age in 10 years.

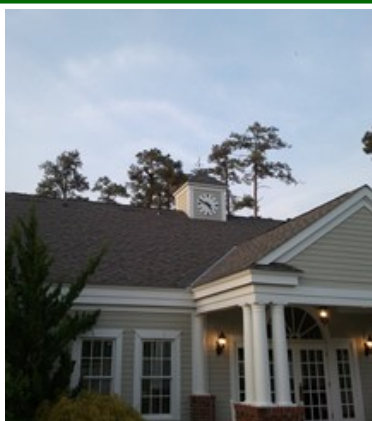
He reveals that he shot a 73 Sunday at Coharie, but there's one problem: Randy Wiggins, his playing partner, contends it was actually a 72. "He's one of a kind," Wiggins says. "You'll never see another one."

Born in 1917, Williams spent almost six years in the Navy, reaching the rank of lieutenant commander and serving in the South Pacific during World War II. He attended law school at North Carolina and was a practicing lawyer for 51 years.

Williams began playing golf as a teenager on a six-hole course across the street from his childhood home in Clinton. Rather than using tees, he mixed sand and water to create mounds on which to prop up his ball. Putting on sand greens proved relatively easy because players would drag a foot in the path between the ball and hole, forming an embanked chute that behaved like a funnel.

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Stormy Saturday



On Saturday, April 16th, at approximately 4:48 pm, as seen in the picture at the left, Coharie Country Club suffered severe damage to the golf course as a result of the tornadoes that tore through Sampson County. Luckily the club house and pro shop suffered only minor damage but there was damage to the protective netting on the driving range side of the tennis courts.

In the days following the storm, it was determined that nearly 400 trees, mostly pines were either down or would have to be removed. Of those 400, nearly half of the trees were directly effecting the golf course and its playability.

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Golf Tournaments

On a rather breezy April 2nd Saturday afternoon, Coharie Country Club hosted a Carolinas Golf Association "One Day Four Ball" tournament. The winners of this event are:

FLIGHT A

Low Gross

John L. Spell & Chris Eaves 68

Low Net

Will & Stephen Waters 70

Runner-Up

Low Gross

Bobby Davis & Ricky Martin 70

Low Net

Jack Nance & Robert Koontz 66

FLIGHT B

Low Gross

Jeffery Spell & Rick Reese 73

Low Net

Josephn Boyd & Flash Gordon 65

Runner-Up

Low Gross

Walker Rudd & Angelo Malanais 76

Low Net

Michael Mauney & Randy Mitchum 65

Ashley and Mike Odum 65

On April 9th, the 19th Annual Sampson County Shrinettes Golf Tournament was held at Coharie Country Club.

The results:

First Flight

1st: Bill Augustine

Bill Augustine, Jr.

Mitch Naylor

Robby Owen

2nd: Brent Parrish

Mike Hatch

Eddie Carrothers

Donald Holland

3rd: Mike Odum

Billy Merritt

Ashley Odum

Dickie Walters

Third Flight

1st: Terrell Webster

Brad Webster

Steve Wiggins

Stephen Wiggins

3rd: Tony Walters, Jr.

Phil Walter

Anthony Bailey

Tom Taylor

Second Flight

1st: Lamar Butler

Harold Butler

Ronnie Williams

Stephan Waters

2nd: Robbie Thompson

Randy Knowles

Steve Millard

David Tyndall

3rd: Bob Harvey

Sandy Sanderson

Bengie Oates

Richard Harner

2nd: Jeff Shipp

Rick Reece

Ken Melvin

Craig Bell

Closest to Pin Winners

#4 Stephen Waters

#6 Gary Smoak

#10 Chris Bass

#15 Jeff Gray, Sr.

Storm Damage

Over 400 trees, most of them mature pines, were uprooted by the tornado or possibly tornadoes that whipped through Clinton over the weekend. The trees covered a good part of holes 7-13, and the fairways where uprooted trees weren't resting were laden with debris. The course has been closed since the storm hit Saturday.

"In my opinion, it is worse than (hurricane) Fran when it came through, as far as destruction goes," said Coharie's PGA Professional/General Manager Dickie Walters. "We had minimal damage to the club house and the maintenance shed, and we had some small issues with the tennis court, but the majority was the trees and shingles off of roofs."

The cart path of the ninth tee is covered with tree branches and debris, in fact, the only way to get around the course right now is either by cart or by foot. "It hit us hard," Walters said. However, club members and locals have all pitched in, volunteering to help get the course back to its normal beauty.

"It has been a big help," Walters admits of the volunteer assistance. "They have been so great and so understanding, it is just a great feeling."

Walters said because of all the help, they are hoping to get the course up and running again later this week.

"Hopefully, we can get the back nine open by Friday," he said, "and the rest by early next week. We have the Sampson Regional Hospital Tournament next Thursday, and my goal is to have the course ready by next Tuesday so we can be up and fully functional before the tournament."

Despite the course's current condition, the date does not seem unlikely. The greens, tees and fairways suffered minimal damage because a lot of the trees fell on the rough lines, Walters said.

Course maintenance workers, as well as volunteers, were out on the course Tuesday, working to clear the trees and debris. Heavy equipment is in now.

"We are communicating with our members and letting them know what we are doing now," he said. "I just want to thank the membership and the community for wanting to come in here and help us out."

Reprinted from "The Sampson Independent."

I Think He's Got It!

Williams improved dramatically at golf once he completed law school. He won a head-to-head match with Billy Joe Patton, the third-place finisher at the 1952 Masters, during an amateur tournament at Patton's home course in Morganton, and Williams captured 20 club championships at Coharie from 1956-1987. Williams still wears a ring commemorating the last club title, and he possesses the scorecard from a career-low 65 shot at the age of 79. Five years later, he fired a 69.

Four silver plates and nearly 50 trophies fill the spacious bookshelf in the living room of the house Williams built in 1961 and now shares with Linda, his second wife. "All these are so old, I need to throw them away," Williams says as he looks at the collection.

Williams admits he's benefited from a good gene pool. He grew up as one of nine siblings, and 91-year-old Jane Sheffield is the other living member of that group. Three brothers lived into their 90s, and Williams has avoided any major health scares. Only in the last six months has he started hitting from the senior tees.

Drives of 215 yards and efficient work around the greens enable Williams to flirt with par four months shy of his 94th birthday. "I want to keep active as long as I can," Williams says. "I've seen so many people retire and kind of wither away. I think it's because they lost interest in everything."

Reprinted from the Fayetteville Observer

News From The Pro

Coharie Country Club would like to give a special **"Thank You"** to President Randy Barefoot, all of the Prestage Farms employees, Dickie Walters, Randy Folger and his staff, members of the CMGA and everyone else that worked endless hours in getting the golf course ready for play once again.

Twilight Starts on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 6:00pm. Entry is \$75.00/couple and you must pay cart fees each event. Twilight will last for 8 weeks with an Awards Banquet to follow at the end of the season.

NC Pork Council Tournament on Thursday, May 19, 2011.

Second Annual Sampson County Arts Council on June 2, 2011.

Aerify greens scheduled for Monday, May 23, 2011. Golf Course will be closed all day.

Member Guest Tournament is Scheduled for August 12-14.

Coharie Days of Summer will take place July 18th—22nd. Please visit the Pro Shop and pick up an application.

Coharie Middle School Spring Fling
May 21, 2010 8-11pm

Each member may invite up to 3 guests. Call in reservations by 5pm on Tuesday May 10th with the names and addresses of guests. Invitations will be mailed on Friday, May 13th with details of the pre-parties. The cost is \$8 per person by May 10th. If reservations are called in after the deadline, the cost is \$15 per person and no invitations will be mailed for tardy reservations. The pre-party host for 6th grade is Shawn Purdie and the 7th-8th grade pre-party host is Tonya Wright.

If you would like to chaperone, please call Leslie Darden at 214-0094 or send an email to lwwarden@embarqmail.com

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Italian Dinner Night

On Friday, May 20th from 6pm to 8pm we will be offering an Italian Dinner Night. The menu will include Lasagna, Grouper Pescatore served over Capellini Pasta, Chicken Marsala, a dinner salad, garlic bread and dessert. We look forward to seeing you. Please call for reservations!

MAY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday Buffet 12:00-2:00 pm Ginny Evans	2 No Lunch Service	3 Lunch Menu Blue Plate Special 11:30-2:00 PM	4 Lunch 11:30 –2:00 PM	5 Lunch Special 11:30-2:00 PM	6 Lunch Special 11:30-2:00 PM	7 Lunch Limited Menu 11:30-2:00 PM
8 Sunday Buffet 12:00-2:00 pm Lila Parker	9 No Lunch Service	10 Lunch Menu Blue Plate Special 11:30-2:00 PM	11 Lunch 11:30 –2:00 PM	12 Lunch Special 11:30-2:00 PM	13 Lunch Special 11:30-2:00 PM	14 Lunch Limited Menu 11:30-2:00 PM
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22 Sunday Buffet 12:00-2:00 pm Ginny Evans	23 No Lunch Service	24 Lunch Menu Blue Plate Special 11:30-2:00 PM Dinner Special	25 Lunch Special 11:30 –2:00 PM	26 Lunch Special 11:30-2:00 PM	27 Lunch Special 11:30-2:00 PM	28 Lunch Limited Menu 11:30-2:00 PM
29 Sunday Buffet 12:00-2:00 pm Lila Parker	30 Lunch Limited Menu 11:30-2:00 PM	31 Lunch Menu Blue Plate Special 11:30-2:00 PM Dinner Special			*ALL SUNDAY BUFFETS include salad & dessert buffet. Price: Adults \$12.95; Children (12 & under) \$6.95	

Menus for May

Sunday, May 1

SUNDAY BUFFET: (Ginny Evans) Pork Loin with Marsala Sauce, Chicken Alfredo with Fettucini, Meatballs in Marinara Sauce, Steamed Fresh Cabbage, Rice Pilaf, Honey Ginger Glazed Carrots.

Tuesday, May 3

Lunch Special: Chef's Choice

Thursday, May 5

Lunch Special: Chicken Piccata – Egg washed, Pan Seared Chicken Breast w/ Sautéed Shallots and Sundried Tomatoes in a Lemon Piccata Sauce over Capellini

Friday, May 6

Lunch Special: Tempura Fried Tilapia w/ Mango Chutney and Risotto Rice

Sunday, May 8

SUNDAY BUFFET (L & M) Fried Chicken, Chicken Pastry, BBQ Pig, Assorted Vegetables

Tuesday, May 10

Lunch Special: Chef's Choice

Thursday, May 12

Lunch Special: Stewed Beef w/Onions over White Rice and Corn Bread

Friday, May 13

Lunch Special: Lasagna served with Garlic Bread

Sunday, May 15

SUNDAY BUFFET: (Ginny Evans) Fried Chicken Tenders, Sliced Baked Ham with Pineapple, Macaroni and Cheese, Collard Greens, Baby Lima Beans.

Tuesday, May 17

Lunch Special: Chef's Choice

Thursday, May 19

Lunch Special: Roast Beef; Roasted Top Sirloin in Beef Gravy w/ Parmesan Mashed Potatoes and Sautéed Summer Squash and Onions

Friday, May 20

Lunch Special: 3P Tortellini – Meat Tortellini, Sautéed Sweet Peas and Prosciutto Ham in a Parmesan Alfredo Sauce

DINNER SERVICE: (Italian Dinner Night) Lasagna, Grouper Pescatore served over Capellini Pasta, Chicken Marsala, a dinner salad, garlic bread and dessert **Please Call for Reservation**

Sunday, May 22

SUNDAY BUFFET: (L & M) Fried Chicken, Chicken Pastry, Roast Beef, Assorted Vegetables

Tuesday, May 24

Lunch Special: Chef's Choice

Dinner Service: Maryland Crab Cakes, covered in Hollandaise Sauce served with Garlic Broiled Asparagus, and a Twice Baked Potato

Thursday, May 26

Lunch Special: Blackened Shrimp w. Mandarin Salad = Blackened Shrimp Skewer served over a Spring Mix Salad w/ Black Olives, Red onion, Walnuts, Feta Cheese, and Slices of Mandarin Orange w/ Raspberry Vinaigrette or your choice of dressing

Friday, May 27

Lunch Special: 8 oz. Grilled Portabellas Burger served with Garlic Fries

Sunday, May 29

SUNDAY BUFFET: (L & M) Fried Chicken, Chicken Pastry, Country Style Steak, Assorted Vegetables

Tuesday, May 31

Lunch Special: Chef's Choice

Dinner Special: Hawaiian Chicken served with Coconut Jasmine Rice and Honey Glazed Carrots