



# Tree Talk



## Pride and Professionalism

By Mike Kelly



**Professional:** 1. [Person](#) formally [certified](#) by a [professional body](#) of belonging to a specific [profession](#) by virtue of having [completed](#) a [required](#) course of [studies](#) and/or [practice](#). And whose [competence](#) can usually be measured against an [established](#) set of standards.

By now I am sure most of you have heard the rumors. Lane Tree has hired a Pro. Well before we get into that, I would like to address a few things first.

I would be remiss if I first did not thank Joe Bailey for doing a great job as our Golf Director for the last 8 years.

Now, on to the introduction of our new Golf Pro.



**RICK GREEN**

He grew up in Zebulon and started playing golf at the country club that had

just opened near his home when he was twelve. A year later he was “hooked” and was working for the pro washing and parking golf carts. He played golf at Louisburg College and later worked at Par Golf Driving Range in Raleigh. In 1975 He became the Head Golf Professional at Hidden Valley CC in Willow Springs, N.C. until the course was sold five years later in 1980.

In December, 1980 He moved to Kenansville, N.C. and became the golf professional at Duplin CC where he remained for 23 years. During that time, he added a wife (Lisa) and two children (Allie, now 17 and Sim, now 13). In 2003, he accepted the Director of Golf position at Timberlake Golf Club which was under construction in Clinton, N.C. and remained there for ten years.

He states: “I am now excited to join the staff here at Lane Tree as PGA Director of Golf. I am fortunate that nearly 50 years ago a PGA Professional named Bert Knott was a role model that taught me a love and respect for the game that still influences me today. That’s one reason that I continue to support Junior Golf and Play It Forward initiatives of the PGA”.

Rick will start the first week in December. Please make every effort to come in, introduce yourself, and welcome him to our home.

## Pro Shop News

By Joe Bailey



(Yea, yea, yea)

### Pro Shop News

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving meal. We experienced several very cold days for the month of November. So I missed seeing a lot of you. Hope weather will warm up enough that you will be able to come back out.

Congratulation to our own Erica Walderman, who won her 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive gold medal in 9 hole individual stroke play at the North Carolina Special Olympics Fall Games in High Point on November 10. Way to go Erica.

By now you should have heard we are getting a Pro, his name is Rick Green, he is presently at Timberlake Golf Course and was at Duplin County prior to Timberlake. I have known Rick for several years, he will be a great asset to Lane Tree and I look forward to working with him. He should be on site sometime in December. When he arrives you need to stop by, introduce yourself.

I want to apologize to all of you that have experienced problems with your golf carts shutting down. This problem is a recall issue that Club Car is addressing as fast as they can. Club car advised if cart shuts down need to follow this procedure. Turn off key, count to 5, turn, key on, place cart in reverse and back up 2 to 3 feet, place cart back in forward and go. If this process doesn't work after 3 attempts contact Pro shop for a different cart.

### Brag Box:

We have 3 Brags for this month. Don Sanders had an eagle on hole 1. Carl Watson had a Eagle on hole 5. Steve Gregory had a hole in one on hole 16. Winner drawn was Steve Gregory Stop by Pro shop and get your sleeve of ball's Steve.

### Monthly Quote

If you think it is hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball.

**Jack Lemmon**

### Just a reminder:

I would advise you to get a tee time any time you wish to play, that way you are assured to play at the time you want without a long wait, especially on Fridays, since that has become one of our busiest days.

Don't forget when we have Tournaments on the schedule, please call for availability of play.

Also if we are closed for a tournament you can go to the following courses and play on our reciprocal, but will need someone from Pro Shop to call for you. Courses and prices are as follows: Goldsboro Municipal, Southern Wayne, Falling Creek, Cardinal, Timberlake, Three Eagles Golf Course, (\$15 weekdays \$20 weekends); Johnston County Country Club, (\$20 weekdays \$25 weekends); Wilson Country Club (\$31 weekdays and weekends); Kinston Country Club (\$25 week days and weekends), Cotton Valley (\$25 weekdays and \$30 on Weekends) Cutter Creek (\$35 weekdays and weekends). Iron Wood (\$25 weekdays and \$35 weekends), Cypress Landing (\$30 weekdays and weekends). If you have any questions or concerns please let us know.