



CASTLEWOODS
COUNTRY CLUB

JUNE 2004

Rain, rain, go away.....*please!* After a wonderful, dry spring the Heavens opened and rain it did during the first part of the month of May. The timing of the rain with the aerification process of the greens was nice, but I think Mike Stupica is ready to yell calve rope. I'm happy to report that the drainage work that we completed on hole 14 and in the bunkers on hole 3 does work. It was put to the test during the first part of last month.

The construction of the clubhouse addition is moving along well in spite of the rain. Grand Opening on this welcomed addition is scheduled for July and seems very realistic. Our goal is to have it opened and functioning for the Make-A-Wish Castlewoods Invitational Golf Tournament on the weekend of July 23-25. The new putting green is another story. The rains during the month of May brought construction of the new putting green to a standstill. While our anticipated opening date of July 23 is still a possibility, it will realistically be closer to the first of August before this green is ready for play.

While membership levels continue to grow, we have decided to call upon the membership to ensure that this trend continues. During the month of June, we would like to increase the membership to 500. The new ownership has decided to offer the existing members a little incentive to help us reach this goal. For each new member signed up by a current member in June, the club will credit the current member's account for two months of dues. Sign up three new members and receive a 6-month credit to your account for your dues. All you have to do is make sure that the new member's application includes your name on the member-sponsored line. In order for you to be eligible for this credit the club must receive the initiation fee plus the first month's dues for each new member.

The Men's match play club championship semifinals and finals will be held on the weekend of June 19th and 20th. Qualifying deadline for the championship Flight is June 3rd. Also on June 20th we will have a club father/son-father/daughter-mother/son-mother/daughter tournament. For more information on these events just call the golf shop at 992-1942.

The Men's stroke play club championship will be held over the Fourth of July weekend. With the 4th falling on a Sunday this year the club has elected to have this club championship on Friday the 2nd through Sunday the 4th. Anyone with a 13 or less handicap may elect to be included in the championship flight. All other participants will be flighted by handicap. On the evening of Saturday, the 3rd,

the club will have a steak dinner party to celebrate the 4th. All members and spouses or dates are invited, but please call in and sign up by July 1st. Call the pro shop and sign up today.

Congratulations are in order for two of our members. Duke Simmons and George Hinman earned two of the 16 spots on the Mississippi Cup team. The cup team represented the state of Mississippi in the Mid-south cup matches held at Hot Springs Country Club over the weekend of May 21st and 22nd. While our team only finished fifth out of six teams, George and Duke's individual scores were among the lowest on the Mississippi team. Thank you gentlemen for representing Castlewoods Country Club so well!

Father's Day is an extra special day for most of us dads. Enjoy the time with your family however you decide to celebrate - relaxing, playing golf, etc.
Happy Father's Day!

Sincerely,
Max Maxwell

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 3rd, Thursday 7pm Deadline to Qualify for Matchplay Championship Flight

June 8th, Tuesday 5:30pm MGA Scramble

June 9th, Wed. 1pm Shotgun Trustmark Outing-30 players

June 19th & 20th, 10am Matchplay Championship Final

June 20th, Sunday 9am Father's Day Tournament

July 2nd - 4th weekend Club Championship

July 3rd, Saturday 6pm Fourth of July Cookout

July 23rd- 25th tee times Make-A-Wish
Invitational Golf Tournament

Dates & times are **tentative**, please call the Pro Shop at **992-1942** for more information.

TURF TALK

With our first aerifying complete and transition of our greens in full swing we are looking forward to a long summer of prosperity at Castlewoods. At risk of

sounding like a politician giving a State of the Union speech I will say the course is coming along as scheduled. My crew is working hard to improve the course everyday and we expect to achieve all of our goals in the coming months. The new putting green construction is moving nicely, even with the rains of mid-May. Our hopes are to be practicing our putting on the new green by the end of July.

Last month I listed some common grasses used in home lawns and gave a brief description of each. I was asked why I didn't include Zoysia as one of them? Is I rant out of space in my column a good enough excuse? I didn't think so. Without further ado:

Zoysia Grass is a warm season turf that is tolerant of shade. But as I stated before there are no warm season turf grasses that are completely shade proof. It has a slightly more coarse texture than Bermuda and is very tolerant to most chemical applications. It is highly susceptible to disease pressure. Its growth habit is very slow and its wear tolerance is light. If you expect heavy foot traffic from pets or children, I would choose a grass which is more tolerant to these conditions.

LANDSCAPE TIP:

I'll tell you a little story. Fifteen years ago when I first entered the esteemed school of turf at MSU my father asked me, "How can I get the grass to grow in the front yard?" I gave him the answer. In true Stupica fashion every year for 14 years he asked the same question and I gave him the same answer. On the date of the 15th year I went to his house and fully expected to get the question. When I pulled into his driveway I noticed the beautiful grass in the front yard. When I asked him what he did to get the grass to grow he said, "I took your advice. I raised the mowing height." The moral to the story is, the first rule they teach you in turf school is if you have grass in stress, for any reason, **raise the mowing height.**

Mike Stupica
Golf Course Superintendent

Men's Match Play Club Championship will be held during the month of June. Championship flight will be limited to the low 16 players to qualify. To qualify you must play a qualifying 18 hole round from the blue tees on or before June 3rd. Just announce to Bill or Jim that you are qualifying before you play and turn in your attested scorecard after the round. You may attempt to qualify up to three times. All other flights will be determined by handicap. We will leave scheduling of the first two matches up to the participants. Round one will be played on or before June 10th. Round two will be played on or before June 17th. The semifinal and the final round are scheduled on June 19th and 20th. Entry fee will be \$40 and does not include cart fees. Call the golf shop to sign up and for more details at 992-1942.

Memorial Day Four Ball RESULTS:

Championship Flight:

- 1st Bill Pullen/Ken Tarbutton (207)
- 2nd Michael Slack/Steve McKay (210)
- 3rd Travis Naccarato/Brian Brister (211)

First Flight:

- 1st Jim Woodson/John Rippy (210)
- 2nd Dees Hinton/Derrel Palmer (218)
- 3rd Jim Lawrence/Bill Meyer (219)

Second Flight:

- 1st Kevin Webb/Pep Peppmiller (216)
- 2nd Spencer Drake/Trevor Drake (224)
- 3rd Larry Swales/Josh Swales (224)

Third Flight:

- 1st Nick Cappony/Matt Garrity (232)
- 2nd George Butts/John Coalter (235)
- 3rd Bob Landry/Steve Landry(235)

*The tournament was highlighted by a rare **double eagle** made by Kevin Butts on #17 (506 yard par5) from 228 yards using a 4 iron.

Castlewoods Men's Golf Association recently elected officers. Congratulations to Duke Simmons - President; Ken Peacock - Vice President; Brian Hall Secretary-Treasurer.
The MGA will host a Scramble on Tuesday, June 8th at 5:30pm.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT.....



MILTON BOWIE, Carts



You may not have noticed our current employee of the month because he is the man behind the scenes in our cart barn. Milton has been employed at Castlewoods Country Club for 14 years. He enjoys working outdoors and hunting in his spare time. We are grateful for his loyalty & diligence. Please join us in congratulating Milton on a job well done!