

NOVEMBER 2004

NEWSLETTER



CASTLEWOODS COUNTRY CLUB

# MESSAGES from MAX

Having just finished October's version of 'Dinner at the Club', I must say if you weren't there, then you really missed out on a special evening. Thanks go out to Melissa for arranging the whole affair and to each of you that participated for attending. Wendy Putt once again provided some outstanding catering at a very reasonable price. Scott Davis with Magnolia Marketing did a wonderful job with the wine tasting segment of the dinner. I particularly enjoyed Wendy's chocolate fountain and Scott's choice of Port wine to accompany this delight! Yummy! November's rendition is set for the 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm and will include music provided by Hunter Gibson. Since turn out is iffy around here, we're combining our monthly 'Dinner at the Club' for November with the dinner for our Fall Couples Tournament. \$20 per person covers dinner and the entertainment, but please sign up on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> by calling Melissa at 992-1942. And please remember, if you're signed up on the 15<sup>th</sup> your account will be charged for this event.

Congratulations are in order for Bob Rupnik following his playoff win over George Hinman in The Castlewoods C.C. Senior Men's Club Championship. Tied at 148 after 36 holes, the duo proceeded to number one where Bob quickly sank a 20-foot birdie putt to end the match there. Way to go Rup!

Corey Mays(17-18), Thomas Adams(15-16), Michael Moore(13-14), and Kevin Brady(12 & under) all won their age groups in October's Fall Jr. Tournament held on Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup>. Runners-up included Anthony Palomo(17-18), Matthew Reeves(15-16), James Winter(13-14). Congratulations to these and all 16 players!

The Castlewoods Fall Festival Men's Golf Tournament will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. This golf tournament will combine a four-ball with an individual stroke play tournament and will be open to member/guest, member/member and guest/guest teams or just individuals. The entry fee will be \$250 per team and will include a steak dinner on Saturday night. Individuals may enter the stroke play part only for \$125 while four-ball participants may add this option for

only \$50 per player. Entry deadline is November 10<sup>th</sup> so please sign up today!

The Castlewoods Fall Couples Tournament will be held the following weekend on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and shall play a two person scramble format. As mentioned earlier, there will be a dinner and entertainment that evening with Hunter Gibson. Entry for this tournament will be \$200 per team or \$150 per team if you live in Castlewoods and are a member of our trail fee club. The entry fee includes the dinner on Saturday and also a hamburger lunch at the awards celebration immediately after Sunday's round.

As most of you know by now, Bob Ford has moved on to a new venture. We appreciate the job he did here and wish him the best of luck in his new business. Bob has agreed to make arrangements for the remaining lessons that he owes our members. Please let me know if you are not pleased with the arrangement he makes for you. I'm excited to announce that Jay Jordan has accepted the position of Teaching Professional at our club. Having worked with Jay before, I can assure you that you will be very happy with his knowledge of the golf swing and more importantly, his ability to communicate his thoughts to the student. Having taught beside many of the country's best swing analysts including Rick Smith, David Ledbetter, Hank Haney, and Jimmy Ballard, Jay is loaded with the latest information pertaining to the golf swing. He's great with kids, beginners, ladies, seniors and even accomplished players. So if your game needs a little tune-up, please do not hesitate to call our new Teaching Professional(PGA class A) Jay Jordan and set up a lesson.

We're planning a Christmas party at the club on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The details will be available in the next month's newsletter, but mark that date down on your calendar today! Also I need to know if there is enough interest in having a New Year's Eve party at the club. Please voice your opinion about a New Year's Eve party via email or

by phone to me ASAP. No response to this request equals no party. While we are on the subject of Christmas parties, our new addition is available for hosting your office or personal Christmas party at a reduced rate for members. For available dates and rental information contact Melissa again at 992-1942.

There is consideration being given to reducing the green fee rates for immediate family members. I should know by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month what exactly the new rates are. Also under consideration is a reduced rate for 'The Moose' nine members and Pool & Tennis members to play 'The Bear' from time to time.

Does anyone ever read these newsletter articles? If you do, email me and tell me at [fmaxwell - @castlewoodscountryclub.com](mailto:fmaxwell@castlewoodscountryclub.com) I'll take any suggests and I'm always (?) open to constructive criticism.

In closing, I'm proud to announce that Castlewoods Country Club has been chosen to host the 2005 Mississippi Mid-Amateur to be held over the weekend of April 8-10. This is the state championship for male golfers 25 years of age or older. I look for several of our members to challenge the state's best players for this title. Bringing back prestigious tournaments to Castlewoods CC has been a goal of the new owners and mine since ownership changed hands in February. Having Castlewoods chosen so quickly is a testament to the great job that Mike Stupica is doing as our golf course superintendent. He and his staff should be commended for the remarkable transformation that has occurred to the course over the last eight months.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Max Maxwell



# TURF TALK by Mike Stupica, Superintendent

To over-seed or not to over-seed? That is the question. I'm sure Shakespeare spent countless hours pondering this question. Not really, but many golf clubs do at this time of year and it is a legitimate question to ask. To answer this question we must first identify the priorities for a particular course in question.

First on the minds of the greens committee: is it economically the correct thing to do? It depends if the course was in snowbird country. A large part of the income for courses in these regions of the country comes from the snow birds. Clubs who host a major tournament in the spring like The Masters or The Players Championship at Sawgrass benefit from over-seeding. In all of these instances the entire course will be seeded. When we come a little further north typically over-seeding greens and tees is the norm. Courses who expect a reasonable amount of play in the winter will do this.

Second are the demands of the clubs membership. Many clubs over-seed because the membership believes it to be a better playing surface. Or they may be the only ones in town to do it or the only ones not to do it. Maybe just because they think it is the right thing to

do. We could probably think of a million reasons just to do it.

Third is what are we going to do with it once we get it? We will have to mow, fertilize, spray, trim and all the other maintenance that comes with grass. When spring arrives how are we going to get rid of it and transition into our summer grass?

Lastly is it agronomically the correct thing to do? Funny how the superintendent's opinion always comes last isn't it? I can think of a thousand reasons not to over-seed. Most importantly is the health of the summer grass. Bermuda grass needs 100 days of unrestricted growing conditions to survive the winter. We can count on October through at least June as being restricted growing conditions because of the over-seed. You do the math and that is not 100 days. Fall maybe one of the most important times of year for warm season grasses. This is the time when the plant, although not growing, will spend all of its energy storing food for the winter. At this time mowing heights are raised slightly and a late season fertilizer app. is done. The warm season grass does not want to compete with other plants for what it needs to be strong for the winter. The over-seed

contributes to loss of warm season turf through out the winter, which causes an ugly transition that can take as much as six weeks or more to recover. Ask me if I would prefer to over-seed and I would say no and I have been known to say over my dead body. But even I know that what's good for golf is not good for grass and golf is the reason we are here. That being said if we decided to over-seed I would as MAX always says when he slips one by me "You'll find a way to get errrrrr done".



### Landscape Tip:

Time to plant Pansy's. Prepare your bed to a fluffy consistency and plant them about 6 inches apart and pack lightly around the root ball. Sprinkle a good starter fertilizer over them and water gently. You will soon enjoy a burst of color that all your neighbors will envy.

## Golf NEWS



### MENS GOLF ASSOCIATION

Monthly golf scrambles and meetings have been postponed until Spring 2005.

### FALL COUPLES TOURNAMENT

Noon , November 20th Shotgun & 9 am November 21st shotgun

7pm Dinner with entertainment by Hunter Gibson on Saturday

Awards Ceremony & Hamburger Lunch on Sunday

### RESULTS of the SENIORS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

#### Grand Seniors Flight:

<b>Low Gross:</b>	<b>Low Net:</b>
1st— Bill Meyer (171)	Larry Hamberlin (146)
2nd—Henry Roberts (176)	Don Sparks (148)
3rd—Lamar Simmons (177)	Horace Kerr (150)

#### Super Seniors Flight:

<b>Low Gross:</b>	<b>Low Net:</b>
1st—Charlie Carnahie (164)	Larry Swales (150)
2nd—George Butts (169)	Sam Rush (155)

#### Seniors Flight:

<b>Low Gross:</b>	<b>Low Net:</b>
1st—Bob Rupnik (148)	Gary McFarland (144)
2nd—George Hinman (148)	Dick Stupica (145)
3rd—Gary Hand (159)	Bob Landry (147)

### ENTRY FORMS

Available in the Pro Shop For:

### The Fall Festival Golf Tournament

November 13th & 14th

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### Castlewoods Fall Couples Tournament

November 20th & 21st

## Employee Spotlight-Albert Jackson, Course Maintenance

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Albert Jackson came to Castlewoods in the early 1980's. For almost twenty-five years Big Al, as we like to call him, has been out mowing greens before daylight and greeting our members with good day wishes for all he sees.

We are truly fortunate to have a man like Albert helping to take care of our beautiful facility. I think everyone would agree we couldn't find anyone better.  
Thank you Albert!



## Pool & Tennis NEWS

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### ROUND ROBIN

**TOURNAMENT** is scheduled for November 5th. Please call for details & join the fun!

### FUN LEAGUE FORMING

**NOW!** Members & their guests are encouraged to register. Play will begin November 9th & run thru January. Please call for details & registration information.

**TENNIS PRO SHOP** is

stocked with rackets, clothing & shoes. Stringing of rackets is available as well. Fall & Winter clothing has arrived, come check it out!

**LESSONS** for beginners & intermediate. Limited space. Call the tennis center for details! closing.

### BALL MACHINE RENTAL:

Available starting in November at \$10 per hour.

### HOURS of TENNIS

#### OPERATION:

M-Th 9am-9pm

F—Sat 9am-6pm

Sunday 1pm-6pm

\*last reservation 1 1/2 hrs before closing.

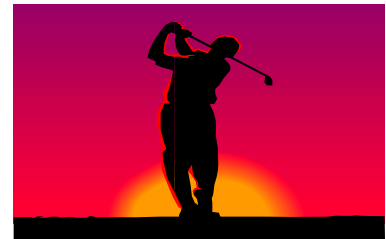
## Tips from the Golf Pro by Jay Jordan

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Since loft is uppermost in the mind when using the wedge, most golfers play a pitch with the wedge by breaking their wrists sharply at the beginning of the backswing. Then more often than not, they end up flipping their wrists at impact and slapping the ball. This action defeats the purpose of the pitch, because no one can possibly be accurate by slapping the ball. Short as a pitch shot may be, it nevertheless must — as all golf shots must — be struck with authority.

Regardless of how short a pitch you are faced with, take your backswing with the wedge just as naturally as you would any other club in your bag. *Allow the wrists to break naturally at a position near the level of hips. Done properly, there should be almost a straight line running along the length of the shaft and your left arm when the club head reaches the height of your right hip.*

From this position you will then be able to return the blade of your wedge to the ball squarely, contacting it at exactly the angle for which the wedge was designed and consequently, applying all the loft which the club is intended to apply—nor more or no less. Once you get in the habit of playing the wedge this way, your pitch shots will begin to take on the consistency you will need for an accurate short game.





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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

November 6th ,Saturday Private Member Party - 7pm  
 November 13th , Saturday Fall Festival Member/Guest 4Ball /Stroke Play  
 Golf Tournament— 9am Tee Times  
 Steak Dinner—7pm  
 November 14th , Sunday Fall Festival Member/Guest 4Ball /Stroke Play  
 Golf Tournament— 9am Tee Times  
 November 20th , Saturday 1st Annual Fall Couples Scramble Golf Tournament  
 Noon Shotgun  
 7 pm Member Dinner with Entertainment by Hunter Gibson  
 November 21st , Sunday 1st Annual Fall Couples Scramble Golf Tournament  
 9:am Shotgun  
 1:30 Awards Ceremony & Hamburger Lunch  
 November 26th , Friday Howell/Beattie Reception 7pm

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