

MESSAGES from MAX

RUN DON'T WALK TO THE CASTLEWOODS COUNTRY CLUB GOLF SHOP ASAP FOR SHOPPING OF THE LARGEST SELECTION OF NEW SHIRTS IN THE COUNTRY CLUB BUSINESS ANYWHERE! Ok maybe not the largest selection anywhere but allow me to inform you that it is the largest in 3 years at Castlewoods. If you're reading this now, most probably there's a man in your life that would be thrilled to have a couple of these shirts and shorts for this year's golf season. Get your Father's Day shopping out of the way early. There are over 100 newly stocked Ashworth, Cutter & Buck, Reebok, Foot Joy (my personal favorite), Ahead, Polo and coming soon Callaway shirts. And they're selling like hotcakes! However, shirts and shorts are not the only new items...we have only the newest PING, Callaway, Cobra and Titleist golf clubs also in stock and selling at the same prices as Ole Eddy Watt's stores. NEWS FLASH walking and cart bags just received from PING, Callaway and Titleist! So far this paragraph has appeared to be a little discriminating, but fret not because we also have a new shipment of ladies apparel fresh from the Cutter & Buck line as well as the Annika line. There has never been such a large selection of the newest styles of shirts, clubs and golf bags at Castlewoods than right now. Take advantage of it, TODAY!

While on the subject of golf shop, we are currently looking for someone to replace Pat, who left during the month of March to

move back home to L.A.(as in Lower Alabama). We're looking for someone that can express 'True Southern Hospitality' when dealing with our members in the golf shop. This position is perfect for the homemaker that is looking for a part time gig, the retired professional with a little too much time on his/her hands or even a young college student(male or female) that needs a little extra cash. Pay is not much but the benefits are excellent. For more information please contact Max at 601-992-1942. Looking for summer work for your child? Buck is currently looking for lifeguard help at the pool for the summer too. Interested people can contact him at 601-992-5993.

Due to bad weather, the CMGA Icebreaker was postponed from late February until Saturday, April 7th with a 9 am shotgun and lunch following play. Format shall be a 4 man scramble with teams paired by the CMGA and is open to all Castlewoods Men's Golf Association members. Wanna play? That's easy, just join the CMGA for \$20(annual dues), pay the tournament entry fee of \$30/plus cart and come be apart of one of the largest Men's Golf Associations in the mid-south. This is the third of seven planned events that the CMGA has scheduled for this year. All the CMGA events are fun, inexpensive and a great way to meet and make new friends. Call the golf shop and sign up today at 601-992-1942. Entry deadline is Thursday, April 5th at 5 pm.

The Northwest Rankin Golf team won their first event of the year which happened to be the

Northwest Rankin Invitational here at Castlewoods. They actually were tied for first...with themselves...The 'A' and 'B' teams both tied at 321. While the 'A' team was lead by Grant Ross with a 77, the 'B' team was lead by Bobby Bowlin with a 77 also. Our 'C' team finished fifth and was lead by Brad Youngblood's 79. I've been around golf for a long time, but I have never seen a golf team as strong and deep as this one. Most teams have a couple guys that can break 80 and then a couple more that basically just fill out the team. NWR has 10 or 12 players that can break 80 regularly, of which, a few that should challenge par each time they tee it up. SOLID! For more results and the team picture see pg 4.

Due to the condition of the bridge on number 8, the North/Moose nine holes will be closed until repairs on the bridge are complete. While it is closed, North/Moose nine members may use 'The Bear' to play golf.

Now some good news, at a recent owners meeting it was decided that we will begin to renovate some of our sand bunkers that have not been previously repaired. Many of you will be happy to see that work will begin on the bunker to the left of 6 green, the bunkers on hole number 8 and then move to the two located near 9 green. The goal is to renovate the rest of the needy ones by the end of summer. Happy Easter!

Max Maxwell

TURF TALK by Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

The transition has begun. Typical for this time of year the temperatures get warmer and rains become less frequent. The real work begins now. We have begun to mow some grass and will soon be on a regular mowing schedule. Our fertility program for the greens has been started and will continue on this pace until they fully grow in which should be very shortly. Once this happens we will implement an aggressive mowing schedule, which will turn them into lightning once again. Don't fret it won't be long.


Our seasonal help will be arriving soon. Some may be the same and some will be different. Most new employees do a great job with the work we do but have a hard time understanding golf course etiquette. As soon as they get here it is hard to teach them every scenario to look for so a lot of things must be addressed at the time of the breach so to speak. Robyn, Alvin, and I will do everything we can to assure your experience here is pleasurable. Please call if there is anything we can do for you.

The first paragraph in my article in last month's newsletter has brought up so much of an uproar that I think I need to clarify what I meant. I never think the course is in bad shape. I think our

course plays very well outside of the times when we do necessary maintenance, which for a short time may render the course less desirable—like aerification. I am of the opinion that if a person in my position becomes satisfied with the way things look it is time to move on and find a bigger challenge. I am very proud of the work my staff does and am pleased with the way things turn out, but on the same hand I always find things which we need to improve that will make things look and play better. If I didn't feel that way I think I would be doing a great disservice to our members. I like to think of this course as one of my children (at times my wife may argue that it is my only child). I will give it everything it needs to grow and mature into something we can all be proud of. Then turn it loose on the world and help it move forward on its seasonal journey and then put it to bed for a long winters nap. So don't be scared to come out and play with my child. She just hasn't brushed her hair yet.

Mike Stupica

APRIL 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 APRIL	2	3	4	5 Brandon Elementary Outing	6	7 CMGA Ice-breaker 9am
8 Easter 	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 CCC Couples Tournament	16	17	18	19 Jackson Homebuilders	20	21 Mid South Amateur Tour
22	23	24	25	26 Double G Outing	27 Double G Outing	28
29	30	1 Little Lighthouse	2	3	4 MEA Outing	5 Cook/Robbins Wedding Receptn

Pool & Tennis NEWS by Buck Boyd



Our monthly **ADULT MIXER** has been an ongoing success with 12 players coming out this past March. Our next mixer will be on Friday, April 20th at 6:30 PM. The cost is \$10 per couple or \$5 per individual. This is a great "cheap" date! Bring your beverage of choice and an appetizer or any dish you would like. We provide the meat or entrée. We also provide the tennis balls. This is a fun format with all level of players welcome.

Junior Intermediate drills are still ongoing on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. The cost is \$65 per month for 2 days per week or \$50 per month for 1 day per week

BALL MACHINE RENTAL: Available at \$10 per hour. Please call ahead to reserve.

COURT TIMES ... Please check in Pro Shop before taking the courts & call ahead to reserve courts. **Reminder that courts close at 9pm Tuesday-Thursday and 6pm Friday-Sunday.**

NEW TIME FOR LADIES INTERMEDIATE DRILLS Every Sunday afternoon from 3-4:30 pm. Ladies from 3.0 - 3.5 NTRP drill each Sunday. Cost is only \$10/class & you do not have to register—just show up & play!

BEGINNER CLASS We have new beginner classes starting up each month for adults and juniors. Please call the Tennis Pro Shop 992-5993 or Buck 397-2825 for details.

Our **DOUBLES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP** will be held on June 8th and 9th. The entry fee is \$40 per team. The format will be Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced for both Men and Women. You must be 21 or older to participate. One or more players on your doubles team must be a member of Castlewoods Country Club. You may sign up after April 15th in the Tennis Pro shop (992-5993). If you need a partner, please contact Buck as soon as possible.

NWR INVITATIONAL RESULTS:

1st Place—NWR "A" Team	Total 321
J. Ryu 86, G. Ross, 77, M. Moore 81, J. Winter 80, W. Wallace 83	
2nd Place—NWR "B" Team	Total 321
K. Brady 78, G. Alford 83, B. Bowlin 77, C. McMullen 86, C. Tackett 83	
3rd Place—Clinton "A" Team	Total 351
4th Place—Brandon "A" Team	Total 369
5th Place—NWR "C" Team	Total 393
L. Brunson 112, W. McBeath 101, E. Peacock 101, B. Youngblood 79	
6th Place—St. Joe	Total 405
7th Place—Brandon "B" Team	Total 436
8th Place—Clinton "B" Team	Total 467
9th Place—Canton	Total 492
10th Place—Madison Central	No Total



Spring Couples Scramble

is scheduled for **Sunday, April 15th** with a **2 pm shotgun** start. The entry fee for this one day, two person event will be **\$50 per team plus cart fee** and is open to Castlewoods' members or guests (please add \$25 for a reduced green fee for each non-member). Included in the entry fee will be a **hamburger lunch before golf at 1 pm**. The field will be broken into gross and net divisions with one half of the teams combined handicap being used to determine winners in the net division. Just call the golf shop at 992-1942 to **sign up by Friday, April 13th**.



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HOLE IN ONE



Elsa Foley aced the 120 yard par 3, 7th Hole on “The Bear” using a 7 iron. Witnesses were Nancy Brintnall, Buddy Matthews, Jim Butch, & Gary Lyles on March 7, 2007.

The following week on March 15th, she holed Patrick Farms’ 148 yard Hole #4 with a 5-iron during the Ladies Invitational Tournament.



Double congrats to Elsa!

GOLF REMINDERS:

- No six-somes until after Labor Day
- No beer may be brought onto the course except on Sundays
- Everyone please sign in the Pro Shop before playing golf
- Two people to a cart
- Combination to restroom on HOLE #7 : press 2 & 4 at the same time, release then press 3.



Northwest Rankin High School
2007 Golf Team

Coach Cecil Muse, Connor Tackett, Brad Blakney, Justin Brooks, Chase McMullan, Weston Wallace, Lamar Brunson, Eric Peacock, Brad Youngblood, Will McBeath, Adam Fowler, Bobby Bowlin, James Winter, Jason Ryu, Grant Ross, Kevin Brady, Michael Moore, Garrett Alford, Coach Jeff White. Not Pictured: Matt Massingill

Dear Castlewoods Homeowner/Neighbor:

It has been brought to our attention by club members & fellow homeowners that the golf course is being used for jogging, walking, pet walking, bicycle riding, children playing, etc. The golf course is private property and is to be used only by Castlewoods Country Club members for the sole purpose of golf. In fact, our insurance representative reminded me of this when we recently reviewed our property & liability insurance by suggesting that by allowing these actions to continue would increase our liability hazards.

For the safety and best interests of all, Castlewoods Country Club is asking that all homeowners & guests please refrain from any of the aforementioned activities.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact me at 601-992-1942 or via email at fmaxwell@castlewoodscountryclub.com. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and consideration to this important matter.