

Moose Memo

Hello to all and welcome August. It seems that this year is passing so fast but I guess when you start getting old, everything seems to go by much quicker, at least for me anyway. The golf course is in great shape and although summertime brings the heat indexes up from week to week, I don't remember seeing the course as well maintained and as fun to play as it is now. Thanks to Mike and his crew's hard work, we can enjoy the beautiful course conditions when many other courses in the area are struggling to keep their tracts playable. Last month we held the Men's Club Championship and congratulations to Duke Simmons who won the tournament. Complete results are entered in the final column of this letter. We also held the C.C.C. Couples event and I would like to thank Robin & Elsa Foley and Mark & Vicky Grubbs for their help and contributions. You can also see the complete results of this event on column three. A special thank you goes out to Shane Humphries and the Jackson Eye Associates for helping us get new range balls this past month. I hope everyone enjoys the new range setup and be sure to thank Shane for his contribution the next time you see him. By the way, please do not take balls from the range as these practice balls are not meant to end up in people's shag bags or golf bags. I am currently in the process of interviewing for our new pro at Castlewoods and hopefully soon we will be able to introduce them to our members. I am also currently looking for a new marshal to monitor the course in the afternoons and weekends, so if you are interested, please give me a call and let's sit down and discuss this position. I like the idea of having a current member in this position as they will know most of our members already and take more pride in taking our best interest in mind. As most of us know, the slowdown in the economy has just about everyone in the golf course business trying to figure

Out how they can make their businesses profitable. We at Castlewoods are no different and we are currently looking for new members to help continue to grow and improve the facilities. For this reason we are going to continue to allow new members to join with no initiation fee for the month of August as long as they sign a one-year contract. It always seems that having more members is always helpful when it comes to the budgets and planning for the future expenditures as well as course improvements. So if you are wanting to bring some friends to the club to join now is the time. I know that once they play the course and see our facilities they will join. This is also a good time to bring guests to play and this allows you to show off your course in great condition. I would also like to thank everyone who has helped this past month in getting their cart stickers placed on their carts. It is also nice to see the members checking in each time they play and as a result we have been able to cut down on a lot of the play that is not supposed to be on the course. Of course by checking in each time you play we know who is and who is not supposed to be on the course which makes it easier to monitor and marshal the course. Please remember to return to the cart path prior to the orange lines and as promised you will continue to see the course improve each week. I would also like to thank you members for the continued support in filling the divots and repairing the ball marks on the greens. Since we have been paying attention to these details, the course is looking better and better. Keep up the good work. Now if we can remember to rake the bunkers, I will be one happy camper. I would also like to remind everyone that now is a good time to reserve the facilities for your next special event. With the fall coming we are seeing more receptions, meetings, parties and weddings being planned, so call us at 601-992-1942 to set up your next

Special event. This month we have a few events on tap which include The Invitational (Make-A-Wish) from the 7th through the 9th. On the 15th the MGA's Wanna Make Points event is a 9:00 AM shotgun start, The 15th and the 21st and 22nd has a rehearsal and wedding reception scheduled, on the 27th is a 1:00 PM shotgun start for the IKON Outing and on the 29th there is a wedding scheduled. Of course we also have Happy Hour each and every Friday night from 5PM to 7PM with dinner served from 7PM until. Please call for reservations on the dinner. I hope to see you soon on the course. Moose

Club Championship Results:

1st Place – Duke Simmons
2nd Place – Kevin Brady
3rd Place – Ken Peacock
Championship "B" Flight
1st Place – Denny Howell
2nd Place – Michael Slack
3rd Place – Michael Brinson
Championship "C" Flight
1st Place – Bob Rupnik
2nd Place – Brian Brister
3rd Place – Keith West
First Flight
1st Place – Buddy Matthews
2nd Place – Jim Woodson
3rd Place – Larry Bain
Second Flight
1st Place – Larry Sanford
2nd Place – Larry Manville
3rd Place – Bob Lodes
Third Flight
1st Place – Bob Landry
2nd Place – George Butts
3rd Place – Mark Holland

C.C.C. Couples Tournament

1st Place – Nelson & Renee Chastain
2nd Place – Robin & Elsa Foley
3rd Place – Duke & Helen Simmons
4th Place – Homer Burns/K. Stringer
First Flight
1st Place – Travis & Jeanne Taylor
2nd Place – Terry & Debbie Bergin
4th Place – Kirby Fight, Janette Berg
Second Flight
3rd Place – Mark & Vicky Grubbs
Fourth Flight
1st Place – B. Brintnall /Bobbie Clark
2nd Place – Tom & Judy Troupe
3rd Place – Dennis & Roberta Howell

TURF TALK by Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

I was in Wal-Mart the other day and noticed row upon row of school supplies with mothers scrambling to get everything their children need to begin the school year. As well at my house my wife and children are breaking the bank account with new clothes, shoes and back packs so they can be ready for school too. This can only mean one thing, summer is almost over and cooler weather will prevail. But is it really close to over for us at course maintenance? I don't think so. The pitter-patter of little spikes will soon be gone from the course but there is still plenty of work to do. There are still plenty of hot days ahead and the grass will continue to grow aggressively though Labor Day. We will prepare and execute our fall fertility and herbicide plans by the end of the month and start to think about what we will do this winter.

The lake project on number five is moving slowly but we expected this. The soil under the lake is too soft for heavy

Equipment to jump in and move around. This project will have to be done in stages as areas dry the equipment will enter the lake and move more slop. This could take several weeks to get all the material out of the lake and shaped on the bank. It is hard to be patient since we all have been looking forward to this for several years. The end product won't take too long.

I have always believed the course superintendent should play golf on his course as much as he can. This gives us the golfers eye view of the course and helps us to adjust the maintenance practices to better suit the golfer. I don't play as much as I should but I did get a chance last month and was pleased with the effort the members are making with the ball marks and divots. I was having trouble finding two ball marks on each green that needed repair and that is a good thing. Thank you for your help. Keep up the good work.

Mike Stupica
Course superintendent

Castlewoods Tennis News

Jackson Fall Combo Doubles

July 31-Team entry forms due and captains must be registered on Tennis Link. August 15-Senior play begins, August 17-Adult play begins.

Tentative Nights of Play - Monday-5.0W, 5.0M, 6.5M, 9.5M Tuesday-6.5W, 8.5M Wednesday-5.5W, 5.5M, 8.5W, 9.5W
Thursday-7.5W, 7.5M Seniors will play on the weekends and will vote on day and time.

*** Several club juniors recently attended the Ole Miss tennis camps to better their games- Emma Bond, Ellie Bond, Will Dennis, Jenny Smith, Cady Porter. Congratulations are in order for Cady as she was named MVP and will received accolades for finishing 5th out of 90 campers in his age group! Calder Cleary attended the University of Alabama tennis camp held in Tuscaloosa. Also, Castlewoods Future Star players Rebecca McWilliams and Mary Margaret Murray were standouts at the Jackson Prep Tennis Camp. Rebecca received the overall "Hustle Award" while Mary Margaret was awarded the "Best Tennis Etiquette" for the week of their attendance!

Local August Tournaments

*RTC NTRP Benefit Classic (August 7)— deadline August 4.

Ridgeland Tennis Center-NM(3.0-5.0)d,FMLC;NW(2.5-4.5)d,FMLC;CMW(5.5,6.5,7.5,8.5)d,FMLC;
Combo MX(5.0,6.0,7.0,8.0,9.0)d,FMLC

*M&F Bank NTRP State Chps. (August 14)—Deadline August 11 Parham Bridges- NM(2.5-5.0)sd,FMLC;NW(2.5-4.5)sd

*RTC Junior Classic (August 14)—Deadline August 11 Ridgeland Tennis Center-BG(18-8)s,FMLC;BG(18-8)D,SE

*Pepsi Fall Junior Open (August 21)-Deadline August 18 Parham Bridges Tennis Center-BG(18-8)s,FMLC;BG(18-8)d,SE

Junior Castlewoods Back To School Mixer August 22

9:00 — 12:00 (Lunch Served at 12:00)

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