

MESSAGES from MAX

Duke Wins the Gulf Coast Open!



The State of Golf at Castlewoods Country Club is STRONG!

The strength and ability of players (golfers) at Castlewoods continues to amaze me. **Duke Simmons** finished the 2006 Castlewoods Men's Club Championship in a disappointing seventh place by firing an uninspiring 75-77=152. There were a total of 82 players signed up for the Club Championship of which 46 declared Championship flight. That's 46 guys that feel they could play well enough to challenge **Adam** for his 2005 title. We have over 100 people in our handicap system with a 9 or less handicap and over 40 of those with a 3 or less. And there are another 10 good players that I know out here that don't even carry a handicap in our system. Must be something in the water or more likely it's the

Geriburgers. This past week, **Duke** went down to the coast and beat-up on some of the best in the state by firing 69-68-69=206 to win the 23rd **Gulf Coast Open**. Good scores by even Tiger's standards but throw in that it was held over three different courses, **The Grand Bear Golf Club, Diamondhead's Cardinal course and Shell Landing Golf Club**, which basically means **Duke** can flat out play. **Duke**, seventh (I repeat) in our Club Championship, is currently third on the **Mississippi Golf Association's Player of the Year** points list and the top non-collegiate golfer. **Duke** also had top ten finishes in both the State-Am and defending his State Open title. **George Hinman** 74-74=222 and **Bob Rupnik** 76-74-74=226 both finished strong with a third and fifth place finishes, respectively, in the Senior's division of the **Gulf Coast Open**.

Maybe **George Hinman** was playing well due to the confidence gained in winning the **Castlewoods Seniors Club Championship** which was played over the first weekend of August. **George** fired a 71-69= 140 for a four under total to nudge out **Bob Rupnik** at 71-74=145 and **Gary Hand** at 71-76=147. **Jim Weems** won the Gold division with a 74-79=153. **Michael Moore** won the Junior Club Championship with a 77-83=160 overall, while **Brandon Farley** won the 15-16 year old bracket with **Austin Jordan** taking home second. **Nathan Farley** won the 13-14 year old bracket while **Cameron Mobley** and **Clayton Brown** finished 1-2 in the 12 and under bracket. For more results see page 4.

Great playing guys!



Clayton Brown & Cameron Mobley are all smiles after the Club Tourney

Speaking of great playing, **Ken Peacock** fired a 71 to lay claim to the Castlewood C. C. member's spot in the 2006 **Heartlands Seniors Golf Tournament** to be held at Castlewoods during the week of October 18th-20th. The first alternate spot belongs to Senior Club Champion **George Hinman** who fired a 75 while qualifying.

The last event of the year for the **Castlewoods Men's Golf Association** was won by **Michael Slack, Ken Peacock and John Oxley** with a fine round of 56. The '3Men and Some Tater Salad' was held on Saturday August 19th and had 98 players. After play the participants enjoyed fellowship, beer and **Terri Slack's** great tater salad! Thanks **Terri!** For more results please see page 3.

Yes, the state of golf is great out here at Castlewoods. Now that the weather is cooling down some, it's a great time for y'all to get out and play our finely maintained golf course!

Enjoy! ☺

Max Maxwell

TURF TALK by Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

September is finally here. That means fall is just around the corner and the golf season is coming to a close. Or is it? Although there are plenty of 90 degree plus days ahead, this time of year could be the best time to play. The mornings will start getting a little cooler and the days will be shorter. The rough will stop growing so aggressively and the greens will be great. The humidity will subside and a cool breeze from the north will bring that wonderful autumn smell. This month may be the most productive time of year for us. With the uncontrollable growth slowing to a crawl we will have time to take care of many areas of the course that might seem overlooked during the summer. The weed-eaters and trimmers will be out in full force and the pre-emergent herbicides will be applied. Heck we may even take a day to go fishing.

Speaking of pre-emergent herbicides last fall I took a little different approach to the timing of our application for winter weeds. In order to get a longer residual control I decided to wait an extra month before applying the granular herbicide around the greens and applied the sprayable after Thanksgiving. This worked out perfect. The weeds we usually see in

March and April were not here and the post emergent herbicide application in spring was not needed. I am so pleased with the way that worked last year I plan on the same schedule this fall.

Q&A time again. How do we get the stripe effect on the golf course? Take a look at a blade of grass and you will notice that one side of the blade is darker than the other. In warm season grasses this is not as pronounced as in cool season grasses. But it is still there. Through evolution, plant materials have figured out that darker colors hold more heat. Believe it or not the dark side of the leaf will follow the sun during the day in an effort to attract more heat. In the summer it is a lot easier for the grass to absorb heat than in the winter so you can see the cool season grasses need a darker side more than the warm season grasses. When we mow the grass with our mowers it lays the grass down. When you look at the grass the dark strip is going away from you and the light stripe is coming toward you. On our Bermuda grass during certain times of year we will mow the grass the same direction for several days in a row to get this visual effect. We call this burning in the stripes.

Mike Stupica

September 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Wedding Reception PM
3	4 Club OPEN Last Day for Pool	5 Club CLOSED Aerification	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 JMSGGA 8am MS Bankers 1pm	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 JMSGGA 8am	20	21 Boy Scout Outing 1pm	22	23 Steel Magnolias 1pm
24	25	26	27	28 Sherwin Williams 12:30	29 Belk Outing 10am	30
OCT 1	2	3	4	5 Double G Coating 12:30 pm	6 Double G Coating 12:30 pm	7 Ladies Club Championship



ADULT MIXERS will continue through the month of September; however, we are changing the day to Saturday due to football games. Mixers will start at 6:30 pm and will end at 9:00 pm. Cost is \$5/person to cover cost of food and tennis balls. Non-members are invited but must pay the court fee in addition to the \$5 cover.

JUNIOR ACADEMY is under way with over 20 juniors participating this month! Classes for July will be as follows:

Beginners : Saturday 9 - 10am. Cost: \$40/mo. Members \$50/mo. Non -Members

Ages 11 and up Intermediate/Advanced. Tuesday & Thursday 6:00—7:00 PM cost \$65/mo. Members \$75/Non -Members The class will maintain at least an 8-1 student/teacher ratio.

1st ANNUAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - Registration will begin on September 12th and close on Thursday, October 5th. The women's championships will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 13th, 14th and 15th. This will be a singles format with a best 2 out of 3 sets. A 10 point tiebreaker will be played in lieu of a 3rd set. The cost will be \$40 per person and will include all balls, a t-shirt and lunch on Saturday. The **men's championship** will be held on October 27th, 28th and 29th. The same format will be used. The cost and amenities will be the same as the women's. Trophies will be awarded to 1st through 3rd place in all categories. The categories will be Beginner (USTA 2.0 – 2.5 rating), Intermediate (3.0 – 3.5) Advanced (4.0 +). The tournament will be open to all CCC members. Each category must have at least 6 players to make. Matches will begin on Friday at 6:30 pm.

TENNIS BIRTHDAY PARTY! Rackets, lessons, prizes, cake & party favors are provided for your next birthday party. Call (601) 397-2825 at least 2 weeks in advance to make reservations

LADIES INTERMEDIATE DRILLS take place every Sunday night from 5-6:30 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!

We have a Saturday **ROUND ROBIN** at 8:00am for men & 9:30am for women.. Singles & Doubles format for both. Cost will be \$3 for members and \$5 for non members. Balls are provided.

LADIES BEGINNER CLASS starts Friday, September 15th, at 10:00 am. The cost for the six week class is \$60. Please call (601) 397-2825 for details or to register. The class will be limited to 8 students. Another beginner class will start on Saturday, September 16th at 4:00 pm. The cost for the 6 week class is \$60. Each class will be a one hour lesson for 6 weeks.

CONCESSION charges will be accepted with proof of identification & confirmation of Member Number.

COURT TIMES ... Please call in advance to reserve a court time, so you do not have to wait or be turned away.

CMGA "3MEN & SOME TATER SALAD" SCRAMBLE

GROSS DIVISION:

- 1st Ken Peacock, John Oxley, Michael Slack (56)
- 2nd Kevin Butts, Bobby Park, Randy Stuart (58)
- 3rd Frank Fancher, Bud Horton, Chuck Souther (59)
- 4th Travis Naccarato, Brian Brister, Borden Brister (59)

NET DIVISION:

- 1st Mickey Miller, Ron Yrjanson & Ross Hogan (49)
- 2nd Joe Patterson, Jim Hulen, Herbie Renfrow (49.3)
- 3rd Fred Lytle, Randy Parker, Ron Martin (50)
- 4th Leo Hughes, Jimmy Lynch, Dr. Lynch (50.7)

Your chance to chime in!

It's good policy to receive member feedback occasionally and use this feedback to better our facility. What are we doing right? What are we doing wrong? The ownership and management wants to know your feelings. What can we do to draw more members to Castlewoods? Please email your suggestions to :

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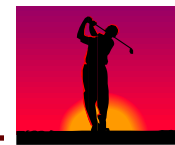
One item that is currently being considered is adding Callaway golf balls to our shop thus ending an exclusive agreement with Titleist/Pinnacle. We save money on this exclusivity and ending it would cost us. Is there enough of you playing Callaway balls or desiring to, to justify us stocking the shop with Callaway balls and losing our exclusivity with Titleist? Please chime in on both sides of this issue. Thanks!



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TIPS from the Golf Pro by Jay Jordan



FORMULATE A PUTTING ROUTINE

Such a routine might include the following steps:

1. Stand a few feet behind the ball and read the green by first noticing those contour factors that would influence the line of the putt. Then think the distance between the ball and the hole and how the effects of contour will determine the target spot and the degree of force with which you must strike the ball.
2. Taking these factors into consideration visualize a line from the ball through the target spot and back to the ball.
3. Maintain a sharp image of this line while setting up to the ball, setting the putter face squarely to it.
4. Make routine movements with the feet striving for the body comfort and balance - eyes over the ball.
5. Recheck aim, steady the body and the stroke. Refrain from second guessing while over the ball. Trust your original judgment and PUTT.

* Remember, in computing the par for a course, putts account for 50% of the total strokes. Practice Your Routine!

2006 SENIOR CLUB

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS:

Overall Champion - George Hinman (71-69=140)

2nd - Bob Rupnik (71-72=143)

3rd - Gary Hand (71-76=147)

Gold Flight Senior Champion:

Jim Weems (74-79=153)



2006 JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:

Overall Champion—Michael Moore (77-83=160)

1st 15 & 16 yr olds—Brandon Farley (96-97=193)

2nd 15 & 16 yr olds—Austin Jordan (97-116=213)

1st 13 & 14 yr olds—Nathan Farley (99-115=214)

1st 12 & under (9holes)—Cameron Mobley (54-54=108)

2nd 12 & Under—Clayton Brown (78-74=132)

Bob Rupnik looks on as Gary Hand blasts out of the bunker on #8 in route to a par 4 in the final round of the Castlewoods C.C. Senior Club Championship.