



CASTLEWOODS COUNTRY CLUB

MESSAGES from MAX

We were truly blessed with some great weather during the month of January. While the Northeast and Midwest were covered with snow, we were enjoying some really great golfing weather. I can't remember a January with so many days in the 70's. Hopefully, February will be as good or better.

Jay Jordan is undoubtedly enjoying this wonderful weather as well. He has been busy on the practice tee most every afternoon. It's fun to watch someone who revels in a job so much. His teaching schedule is fast filling up with inspired students who now 'get it'. If you have been considering possibly improving your game by receiving a little professional help, then look no further than our own PGA Teaching Professional. Call Jay today for more details. You won't be sorry!

We will kick off this month with a Super Bowl 2-man scramble on February 6th, followed by a Super Bowl party. The field will be open to member/member, member/guest, or guest/guest teams and will cost just \$50 per team plus cart fee. The golf tournament is scheduled for 11:30 shotgun with the party and golf awards ceremony beginning at 5 pm. Entry deadline for the golf tournament is noon on February 5th and will be limited to the first 44 teams to sign up.

There is no charge for the party after the golf tournament, but we ask that you do bring your favorite dish to contribute to our light hors d'oeuvres and 'Pot Luck' munchies. Since the member dinner was canceled last month, we will use this party as a chance to have our 'Beer Tasting' so prepare yourself for an evening of Anheuser-Busch's High-End Brands of Ales, Bocks, and Lagers. Please call Bill and sign up for the tournament and let Melissa know if you are coming to the party. So come out, bring a friend and enjoy!

If football is not your cup of tea, then how about a Valentine's Day Couples scramble to be held the day before, on Sunday, February 13th. Entry fee will be just \$50 per team plus cart fee and will include a hamburger lunch with awards following play. The field will be open to member/member, member/guest, or guest/guest teams and is scheduled for a 1pm shotgun. Just call Bill and sign up you and your sweetheart today!

The Castlewoods Men's Golf Association will begin the New Year with an Icebreaker 4-man scramble on February 26th with a noon shotgun. Entry fee will be \$40 per man plus cart fee and will be opened to Castlewoods Men's Golf Association members. There will be a steak dinner following golf

along with a business meeting. Wanna play?that's easy..... just join the Men's Golf Association and you can get in. Again just call Bill for more info at 992-1942.

The Castlewoods Ladies Golf Association is seeking to involve new lady golfers in their association by starting a nine-hole play day. Beginner ladies are encouraged to play every third Saturday of each month. The nine-holders will begin play at 11:30 on the 'Moose' Nine and meet up after play with the eighteen-holders. So if you are female and want to take up the game, there will now be a group of lady golfers just like you, to play and socialize with. Plus this little bonus: our teaching pro, Jay Jordan has agreed to offer a free mini-clinic just for these ladies as they warm up! Just call the golf shop and sign up for the first 'nine-hole play day' on February 19th.

Wow! Now that's a lot of activity for February. Let's all hope the weather holds up!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Max Maxwell



TURF TALK by Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

The 2004 golf season is now securely tucked away in the history books. Christmas is gone and all we have left before the 2005 season is February. For the shortest month in the year it sure seems like it takes forever to get into March. I, like most golf course superintendents, spend the later part of September wishing the hot temperatures would give way to frost and for the work to slow down so we can catch our breath and prepare for the next season. By February most preparations are finished and we start to wish the frost would go away and warmer temperatures will bring green grass, fresh blooms, and golfers. Although February seems to me to be the slowest month we have plans to stay busy. We will be heavy into bunker renovations, which will take most of our time. We started on number 8 first and plan to move to 13 and 10 shortly. On the occasion we only have a few dry days in a row we will try to complete numbers 6 and 17. The plan is to have the preliminary work on these bunkers done this winter and finish them off in summer when we can get sod for the edges.

You will notice in coming months the bunkers will be flatter, cleaner, more playable, and easier to maintain.

Why does the grass in the closely mowed areas green up faster than the rough? Sun light and moisture are the two major reasons for this to occur. The shorter turf allows more sunlight to reach the soil, which will raise the soil temperature quicker than the taller turf will in the rough. Water is a great insulator. Areas that stay wet have higher soil temperatures than areas that are drier. In most areas of the rough we have trees and mounds that naturally stay a little drier than the fairways, greens, and tees.

Does the grass going in and out of dormancy have any affect on its ability to survive winter? Yes. The plant can store a limited amount of energy to use as food through out winter. Every time temperatures raise enough for the grass to turn green the plant uses more of its energy. When the temperature drops the grass will go completely dormant again. This cycle, if repeated consistently, along with several

other environmental factors can be a cause for winterkill.

Is there anything we can do to prevent winterkill? We take several steps in fall to reduce the risk of winterkill. Potassium fertilizer, higher mowing heights, lower nitrogen usage, and a good watering schedule in fall will help.

Winterkill is an inconvenience in the turf industry. In this part of the country it is generally very mild and typically goes unnoticed by most people outside of the profession. Most warm season grasses recover very quickly from any damage. Although we are mindful of winterkill it is typically a non-issue for this part of the country.

Mike Stupica

Landscape tip: Straight-line hedges are out and more natural looking landscapes are in. When planting new plant materials buy in odd numbers and stagger planting. I would even consider several different plant species in general areas to not only give texture contrasts but to allow for color and fragrances during different seasons.



CALLING ALL CARD SHARKS!

CCC will host its first GIN Tournament of the New Year on Saturday, February 19th at 3:30pm. \$20 Entry Fee for Individual play. Members may invite guests to participate. Call Bill to sign up.

Beginning in the month of February any member who is 60 days delinquent in their payments, will have their names posted in the Clubhouse on the bulletin board.



ATTENTION GOLFERS:

Several Homeowners have called to ask that our golfers please refrain from driving golf carts on their lawns. Please use cart paths whenever possible.

THANK YOU!



Employee Spotlight— Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

As many of you know Mike grew up just up the hill from number two ladies tee on the Moose nine. He worked his way through high school and college on this course and has been a part of the many changes over the past 20 years. While working toward his degree in Golf and Sports Turf Management at MSU, he worked for the MSU

Golf Course and The Country Club of Birmingham. Upon his graduation he worked as an Assistant Superintendent at The Country Club of Jackson for six years prior to coming to Castlewoods in 2003. Thanks to Mike for his hard work and dedication.

Give him a wave when you see him on the course!



Pool & Tennis NEWS

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY CHILI COOKOFF & ROUND ROBIN TOURNAMENT—

Bring your favorite chili and tennis racket for a fun afternoon of football, tennis and eating! Cost \$20 per person & begins at 3:30pm. We provide tennis balls, beer and soft drinks. You can bring a friend or spouse, as this will be a doubles format. Singles are welcome too because several have non-playing spouses. Prizes will be awarded for the best chili and most wins! Teams will be divided to insure a fun format for tennis.

TENNIS PRO SHOP has new Spring line of clothes arriving late February & early March. We are competitive with all other shops in the Jackson area. If we do not have what you are looking for in stock, we can usually order it for you.

Now is the time to restring your rackets. Special pricing for Synthetic Gut—\$17 & Prince Shark racket - \$145 (\$160 regular).

JUNIOR TENNIS ACADEMY:

Is still going strong. Even with cold temperatures, we are still averaging

32 students each week. Junior camps for the summer are being planned now. We have several college players from around the Southeast that will be coming to meet with the students & do clinics on various aspects of the game. There will be camps scheduled weekly starting June 1, except for the week of July 4th. These weekly camps will run until the end of July.

The **NORTHWEST RANKIN H.S.** team is using the facilities for their team practices which start daily at 1:30 & usually end around 3:30pm. Please call in advance to reserve court times during these hours.

BALL MACHINE RENTAL:

Available at \$10 per hour.

The **USTA** will have 3 teams playing at Castlewoods this Spring starting in February. Matches are scheduled for Wednesday & Thursday nights. Most of the teams consists of Castlewoods Country Club members. Some of the teams are looking for a players to fill some open spots. Interested players should contact Buck at 992-5993 asap.

The **RANKIN COUNTY TENNIS ASSOCIATION** will be using our facilities as their home base & meeting place in 2005. If you are a USTA member, you are automatically a member of RCTA. They are looking for programs to utilize funds to promote tennis in our community. Any players are urged to contact me fir information.

LADIES BEGINNER & INTERMEDIATE CLASSES are starting in February. Cost for 1 1/2 hour lesson is \$10 and we will meet each Sunday afternoon. Beginners at 5pm & Intermediates at 6:30pm. Please call for details.

HOURS of TENNIS

OPERATION:

M-Th 9am-9pm

F—Sat 9am-6pm

Sunday 1pm-6pm

*last reservation 1 1/2 hrs before closing.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

DIRECTORY:

ACCOUNTING—Joyce Gray	992-5334
EVENTS/MEMBERSHIP—Melissa Hall	992-5334
FOOD & BEVERAGE—Ruby Miller Geri Norris	992-5337
GENERAL MANAGER—Max Maxwell	992-1942
PRO SHOP—Bill Trout, Pat Stephens Jim Weems	992-1942
SUPERINTENDENT—Mike Stupica	992-1937
TEACHING PROFESSIONAL — Jay Jordan	992-1942
TENNIS CENTER—Buck Boyd	992-5993

February 6th, Sunday	Super Bowl 2Man Scramble-11am Shotgun
February 6th, Sunday	Super Bowl XXXIX Party—4pm
February 13th, Sunday	Valentine's Day Couples Tournament
February 14th, Monday	Valentine's Day
February 19th, Saturday	CLGA Nine-Holers Play Day
February 21st, Monday	Course OPEN for President's Day
February 22nd, Tuesday	Course CLOSED due to President's Day
February 26th, Saturday	MGA Ice Breaker 4Man Scramble

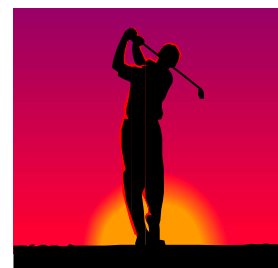
Dates & times are tentative; please call the Pro Shop at 992-1942 for more information.



We're on the Web!

Castlewoodscountryclub.com

Please send your suggestions on how to better the Club to Max at 992-1942 or fmaxwell@castlewoodscountryclub.com.



Tips from the Golf Pro by Jay Jordan

The modern power swing starts with a one-piece takeaway: the club head, shaft, hands, arms, elbows, shoulders, chest, and hips all start turning (rotating) away from the ball together. They move at the same angular rate, and continue to move until the lower body and hips become restricted and can no longer turn. When the hips stop moving, the upper body — the arms, shoulders and chest, plus the shaft and club head — continue to move, coiling against the lower body. This coil creates tension and stores energy to be released later, on the down-and-through swing.

During most of the backswing, the hands and arms remain in front of the chest, and another event occurs: the cocking of the wrists. As the backswing continues, the upper body meets so much resistance from the lower body that it can coil no further. In the final backswing motion, the arms, elbows, and hands then actually stretch or turn against the chest as the club head reaches the absolute top.

The swing down and through should be initiated by the re-turning of the lower body. This lower-body turn leads everything else toward and through the impact zone: the lower body pulls the upper, the upper body pulls the arms, the arms pull the hands, the hands pull the shaft, and the shaft pulls the club head. This chain of events means you create centrifugal force and maximum energy for release, as each component of the swing adds its own energy through impact.

If you want to improve your "power swing" please call for a lesson!