

Moose Memo

Thank Goodness September has ended. What is normally our driest month of the year turned out to be just the opposite. At the end of the month we had seventeen straight days in which we received some amount of rain at the club. The course at one point could not even be mowed except for the tees and greens. Finally at the end of the month we were able to cut the grass again and of course we now have the golf course in tip top shape for everyone to enjoy. Moreover everything is green and lush and the great benefit of all the rain is going to be enjoyed by us throughout the winter months. The temps are in the low eighties and seventies during most of the day and this is a great time to play golf. This past month we also had several one day golf outings to help generate some needed revenue and this month we have a few more but after this month the pace starts to slow down. If you can participate in any of the outings on this month's schedule, I am sure you will enjoy the fellowship and a great golf course to play. This is also a great time to bring out some guests and let them play the course and enjoy what we usually take for granted throughout the year. While on the subject of outings, don't forget to book your next company or business outing at the club. We have a great course and very reasonable prices and we will help you put on that event that is sure to impress your clients, friends or potential business interests. Don't forget to call and get your Christmas or New Year's party reserved. Last month we sponsored the International Food Tasting Fair at the club and the food, fellowship, music and drinks were fantastic. I would like to take a few minutes and thank everyone who supported the event and also recognize those who contributed with the food and drink. A special thanks goes out to Nick and his crew at Wine and Spirits located in the quarter for supplying the drinks for the evening. They also served all the drinks and did a great job.

The food sponsors included Tay's BBQ, Osaka's, Bop's, Amerigo's, Char's, Penn's Fish House, Abbie's Fish House, Ruchi's, Elsa Foley, Dream Cakes, PF Chang, El Potrillio, Biaggie's, Corner Bakery, Three Sister's and Bakery, A Catering Affair, Little Willie's and Wedding By Muse. Please be sure and go see all these great restaurants and businesses when you need your next meal prepared. I think these are some of the best places in the state and just like this event, always seem to support the area when called upon. With the football season in full swing, We have noticed quite a drop in people coming to enjoy the Friday night happy hour. Even with the great dishes cooked by our chef, it is apparent that we must discontinue the happy hour on Friday until further notice. Thanks for your support and I am sure when high school and the college season winds down, we will start back up. Watch the calendar in the future for Friday night events and we will see you the next time we have these functions. Speaking of functions, we have been doing a few weddings, receptions, meetings and reunions of late and there are still quite a few to come. If you are thinking about tying the knot or having any special event, don't forget to call for more information. Talk to Jean Hee at 601-992-1942. I had the opportunity to play golf this week and even if I did not play as well as I would have liked, I must say that the weather was perfect and it was a joy to get outside and enjoy the course. There are only two times in the year that we southerners can play golf and not have to worry about getting too hot or too cold. The spring and fall conditions are my favorite times of the year to enjoy these conditions. The leaves are about to fall and just before the grass goes dormant, why not come out and play some golf. Mike and his crew have the course looking good and I hope to see you soon on the course. Moose

Congratulations to Bryan Hall for making a hole-in-one on 9/12/09. Brian holed out on # 12 with a five-wood from 202 yards. Witnesses: Bobby Waites, Dick Stupica, Len Sanford and Rob Fryant.

Congratulations to Clara Wimberly for making a hole-in-one on 9/29/09. Clara holed out on # 7 using a 7 wood from 118 yards out. Witnesses: Judy Troupe & Lynn Harmount.

Please welcome these new members when you see them at the club: Randall Sommer, David Lingle, Todd White, Toni Willingham, Brad Houston, Nerma Basic, Dean Ramage, John Wright & Sim Watson.

Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 1 - Rankin County Chamber of Commerce Outing
- Oct. 9 - Wesley Scarborough Outing
- Oct. 10 - Senior Club Championship
- Oct. 11 - Senior Club Championship
- Oct. 14 - Mississippi Trucking Association Outing
- Oct. 15 - Dinner Party for RAF
- Oct. 16 - Engagement Party
- Oct. 17 - NWR Class Reunion
- Oct. 19 - NUCOR Steel Outing
- Oct. 29 - Animal Rescue Outing
- Nov. 4 - CLGA Turkeyshoot
- Nov. 7 - Wedding

Please Remember To:

Rake the Bunker after your shot. This ensures that the next golfer will have a chance at a decent lie when they hit into the same bunker. There is no player who wants to hit their bunker shot from your footprint or divot.

Please also remember to fill your divots in the fairways or rough and always try and fix your ball mark on the green. If you see another please repair that mark too. With the fall season here and winter just around the corner, divots and ball marks will take longer to heal. Please try and use the 90 degree rule when we are off the cart path and try to avoid any wet spots on the course or next to the cart path. The end result will be noticed almost immediately and it is always the right thing to do when playing on your course. Let's try and keep Castlewoods Country Club beautiful for everyone to enjoy and play. Thanks from the CCC Management

TURF TALK by Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

Who would have ever thought we could get 9 inches of rain in two and a half weeks in September? Up side to this is the grass is looking great and is very healthy. Down side is we can't mow it when it is so wet. The fairways and roughs got a little high and the weeds popped up like crazy. We were not alone in that boat. After talking with everyone else in town about what they were doing, I was not the only one doing nothing. At the time of this article we are working to mow as much as we can with the dry weather that has moved in. Give us a couple of days and we will be right back in the game. October is here and fall is in the air. This can only mean one thing BOW season in Mississippi. I bring this up because I probably get as many questions about food plot planting as I do about home lawn care. This is not a lesson about what to grow to attract more deer or how spring and summer food planting can increase the deer heard on a particular piece of land but rather how do you do it. Step one, check soil Ph. A Ph test from Wal-mart will

Give you an accurate reading and recommendations to correct soil Ph. Most areas of our state have low Ph. Optimum for plant growth is 6.5 — 6.8. This means on the Ph scale all 16 essential elements are most readily available to the plant in this range. Adjust Ph at 1000 pounds per acre of lime to gain 1 point on Ph. This reaction in the soil takes about 3 months so test your plots early in the spring or summer and apply lime as needed. Come planting time, do as the farmers do. For optimum success, plant your plots when soil moisture is drained but not dry. I like to plant mine in September but to obtain good late season foliage, you can wait until the first part of November. Fertilize with 13-13-13 at planting time and wait for the rain. A subsequent application can be done 4 to 6 weeks post plant and you should be good to go. White clover is excellent and the plot will regenerate year round for 6 to 8 years. Bush hog the clover plots twice a year and fertilize in late spring and early fall. I encourage anyone who owns property to plant food plots. This will not only improve your success in the field but will improve the quality & health of your local ecosystem.
Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

Castlewoods Tennis News

** Tri-County Team Singles League **

Deadline is Oct. 2. Tentative nights of play are: Monday: 3.0W, 4.0W, 4.5M Tuesday: 2.5W, 2.5M, 3.5M, 4.5W
Wednesday: 3.5W, 4.0M Thursday: 3.0M Sunday: Senior Matches

Local Tournament Schedule for October

Oct. 9 M & F Bank Hardcourt Open - MW9Op)sd, FMLC-Parham Bridges. Deadline: Oct. 6

Oct. 23 Fall Junior Novice-BG(18-8)s, MFIC. Deadline: Oct. 20

Oct. 24 Fall Junior Quickstart-BG(10-8)s, FIC. Deadline: Oct. 22

Oct. 31 Junior Open State Championship-BG(18-19)s, FIC. Deadline; Oct. 22

Congratulations to Luke Armstrong for finishing 3rd place in the Cascades Junior Novice Tournament and 5th place in the Laurel Junior Championships!

Tennis Tip of The Month - Avoiding Foot Faults *In singles, you can line up to serve anywhere between the center line on the baseline (on the correct side, of course) and the singles sideline of the court. For a serve in doubles, you can stand anywhere from the center line to the doubles sideline. *Most players in singles tend to serve from very close to the center mark, because this position enables them to cover the entire court better after the return. *You can stand as far back behind the baseline as you want when you serve. *You can't take a walking or running start, like a javelin thrower. *Your foot can't touch the center line when you line up, or during your service motion. In fact, you can't swing your leg in the air over the line. *You can't touch the baseline with any part of your foot or step inside the court until after you hit the serve. Breaking any of the preceding rules results in the dreaded foot fault. Meaning that your serve automatically becomes invalid. If you foot fault on your first serve, you can use your second serve to give it another try. If you foot fault on your second serve, you lose the whole point
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