

MESSAGES from MAX



Isn't this weather just phenomenal! And it's about time. Now if it would just rain a little. However, October is normally one of our driest months of the year. The course is in excellent condition thanks to **Mike Stupica** and his crew, so y'all need to come out this month and enjoy. The weather in Mississippi during October and November is so nice, take advantage of it and come out to the Club!

Last months theme of my article was slanted towards the high quality of play that we have at Castlewoods Country Club. Well, this month I have more to report. I am happy to announce that **Bob Rupnik** finished second to **Ricky Sims** in the **Mississippi Senior Amateur** after firing rounds of 74, 73, 73 = 220 in an event that was held at Greenwood Country Club. **George Hinman** also played and after opening with an uncharacteristic 81, fired rounds of 75 and 74 to finish 15th. There was also a **Grand Masters Division** of the tournament and our own **Travis Taylor** had scores of 82, 81, 83 = 246 which was good enough for a second place finish. Great playing guys!

Now on the other end of the age spectrum....**The Southern Farm Bureau Golf Classic** added a fun event this year that included 36 junior golfers from our state in a nine hole shamble. Castlewoods was represented well by club members **Kevin Brady** and **James Winter**. **Kevin** was paired with PGA Touring Professional and Mississippi native **Glen Day**, who fired a 66 and finished tied for first, while **James** was paired with PGA Touring Professional **Len**

Mattiace and finished one shot back at 67. Also I'm happy to report that both **James** and **Kevin** have been chosen to play in the **Mississippi Golf Jr. Cup Matches** to be held at Tupelo Country Club during the weekend of October 21st & 22nd. Again great playing and congratulations on such an outstanding honor!

Now, I have a request that I'm hoping I can get a little help from our members. Since purchasing the pool and opening it two summers ago, we have had a hard time securing lifeguards that can work the entire summer. Most that we have hired are college students and as most of you know, go back to school in early August. When you add in that they also want a week off before returning to school, we are left with no lifeguards during most of the month of August. We did have a couple of high school lifeguards that worked later into the year than the college students and that certainly helped us a lot. It seems as though each year around April, I receive request to hire children of members for the summer and if possible, we do hire member's children. If you have children (or even have friends with children in this range) within the ages of 16 to 23 that will be looking for employment for next summer, it's my hope that y'all will consider them possibly becoming a lifeguard. They must be at least 16 by May of 2007 and be certified by the American Red Cross Certification requirements call for successfully completing a one week course that is held monthly beginning in February. The course is held at The Courthouse and

requires the student be able to swim well and cost \$185. The course offers instruction in CPR, swimming safety, first-aid and oxygen administration. For more information please contact Jay Ledbetter at 601-946-9111 and at <http://www.redcross.org/services/hss/aquatics/lifeguard.html>. Boys and girls are both welcomed to apply; however, responsibility is a MUST. We are also looking to add a person to our golf course beverage operations, whom should be at least 18 years of age. You can contact either me or Ruby about this position.

I am so excited about a new addition to our club. We have a new restroom on the course between holes 7 and 8 on 'The Bear'. The restroom was built and donated to the club by **Castlewoods Development LLC/Randy Berg** and is perhaps the finest golf course restroom in the country, at least the best these eyes have seen. We decided after much discussion to install a combination lock system on each door. To open the doors, you simply press the 2 and the 4 buttons at the same time, release then press the 3 button. The door should then open easily. And if you or a friend is interested in only the finest of homes in our neighborhood then you may contact Randy at 601-594-5648. Thanks **Mr. Berg** for providing a restroom that far exceeded our expectations.

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TURF TALK by Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

What to do? What to do? That is the question running through my mind this time of year. In October the cool temperatures and shorter daylight hours slow the growth of our grass to a crawl. It will stay green until we get a few frosty mornings about a month from now. So with all the extra time on our hands what are we to do. We will still be mowing greens as usual. We will also try to tidy up some loose ends from the summer and get to the list of 1000 concerns you and I have talked about all summer.

We will now have time to weed eat areas of the course that are over looked during the summer. We will start cutting down dead trees and fixing things here and there. First on the list is to get the trimming done. This will help the course look much better and help with the areas of the course where I hit my golf ball. The areas, which are out of play for most, will be cleaned up and the bunkers will be edged one final time. Some leaves will start falling soon so the blowers and mulching machines will take the place of rough mowers for the next 2 months.

We will also concentrate on putting our turf to bed for the winter. This would include potassium fertilizer on the greens, a fungicide application for Spring dead spots, and of course the pre-emergent herbicide.


During this time of year we experience more than usual water leaks on the course. Be it due to changes in soil temperatures, little rain fall, the irrigation system being run very hard for the past four months, or even earthquakes in the Gulf of Mexico I don't know but there will be holes in the fairways and water running at some point. This is all in an effort to insure the system will stay in good running order for the future.

Our crewmembers have worked many long hours over the past several months and are looking forward to some vacation time. We will try to squeeze everyone in by the end of the year. And as for me I plan to do a little hunting with my son and enjoy MSU football if that is possible. Happy Halloween!

Mike Stupica



October 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Double G Coating 12:30 pm	6 Double G Coating 12:30 pm	7 Ladies Club Championship
8 Rankin Cty Jr Auxiliary Tea 3pm	9	10 KS City Southern Outing	11	12 Rankin Cty Chamber Outing	13 NWR Baseball 1pm Shotgun	14 Forest Hill HS Reunion 7pm
15 Couples Fall Tournament	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Brandon's Mayor's Youth	27	28
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ADULT MIXERS will continue through the month of October; however, we are changing to one day a month during the winter months. October 21st mixer 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 still going with over 30 juniors participating this month! Classes 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 closes 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

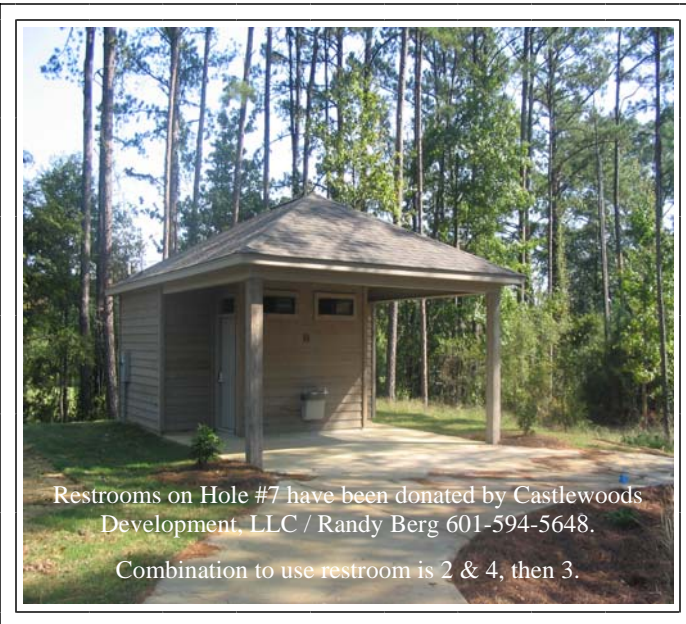
LADIES INTERMEDIATE DRILLS take place every Sunday night from 5-6:30 pm. Ladies from 3.0 - 3.5 NTRP drill each Sunday. Cost is only \$10/class & you do not have to register—just show up & play!

We have a Saturday **ROUND ROBIN** at 2:00pm for men & women.. Doubles format for both. Cost will be \$3 for members and \$5 for non members. Balls are provided.

LADIES BEGINNER CLASS now forming. Call Buck at (601) 397-2825 for details or to register. The class will be limited to 8 students. 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. **Reminder that courts close at 9pm Tuesday-Thursday and 6pm Friday-Sunday.**



Restrooms on Hole #7 have been donated by Castlewoods Development, LLC / Randy Berg 601-594-5648.

Combination to use restroom is 2 & 4, then 3.

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There is still time to sign up for the **Ladies Club Championship** to be held this weekend (Oct. 7th & 8th). Tee times begin at 9 am on Saturday and 9:30 am on Sunday. The entry fee will be \$30 plus cart fee. Call the golf shop today at 601-992-1942 to sign up.

We will have a one day **Fall Couples Tournament** to be held on Sunday the 15th. Entry is \$40/couple plus cart fee. There will be both a gross and a net division and we will shotgun start at 10 am. For more details and to sign up, again call the golf shop at 601-992-1942.

The Heartlands Senior Tour stop here at Castlewoods has been rescheduled from October 16th-20th to next Spring. Lack of a title sponsor was the reason given to me. If anyone knows a company that might be interested in sponsoring this event, please have them contact me.

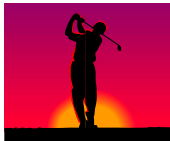
October and November are when the best of weather is offered up in Mississippi for golf. Y'all come out and enjoy it!

Happy Halloween!

Max Maxwell



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TIPS from the Golf Pro by Jay Jordan

CONGRATULATIONS

to the 2006 State of MS Senior Am runner-up, Bob Rupnik, pictured with MGA President- Gerald Chatham, Sr.

THE GRIP—ITS IMPORTANCE

How can anything so bland, so inert, so preliminary as *The Grip* in golf be so important to performance? Remember when you, yourself, were first learning golf? Lesson #1: The Grip. It ranked in excitement right along with basic toothbrushing information from your dentist. Take a poll among the millions of golfers who have received instruction and you'll find that the grip wins "Golf's Dullest Principle Award" hands down (no pun intended).

Yet, PGA teachers and tournament players line up in dutiful respect to extol the importance of grip as a Gibraltar-sized, rock-solid PRINCIPLE around which to build a golf swing.

One of the game's great teacher/player professionals, Tommy Armour, after a career of watching thousands of swings said, "If I could stand the strain (and the pupil, likewise) I would devote at least a couple of weeks to the grip in golf instruction." He may have been exaggerating, but it showed how serious he was in expressing his feelings on the absolute high priority that grip plays in good golf.

If one were endowed with hands like Armour's—strong and supple—he'd enjoy a distinct advantage in his potential to control the club. These attributes are an advantage, but anyone, even with untalented and unathletic hands, can learn to position them in a workable manner. Despite the fact, if an inspection were called for on the way most of the world's golfers place their hands on a golf club, it would reveal that faulty grips prevail. Ask the top 60 PGA Tour money winners participating at the weekly pro-ams in the U.S. and they'll attest to the scarcity of sound grips among their amateur partners. It explains how an old chestnut like "you never see a good player with a bad grip or a bad player with a good grip," achieves credence. Grip does make a difference! If one is seeking a higher authority on the issue someone in the golfing immortal class, then let's warp this up this case for the grip's importance with the quote of a man who, when discussing golf, didn't waste words on trivia. He said simply, "Golf begins with a good grip." Ben Hogan has spoken.

What is a good grip? Whish style should be selected? Being bombarded by tips, hints, secrets from books, newspapers, magazines and TV must raise some basic questions for the student seeking golfing truth about grip. What should the professional encourage the student to do? Interlock or overlap? Grip tightly or lightly? Use a long thumb or a short thumb? Show three knuckles or two knuckles? Lay the grip in the roots of the fingers or diagonally across the hand? Try to keep the hands quiet or active? Apply constant or changing pressure? And how about all of the variations within and choices beyond these examples? There must be countless combinations.

Back to the question: What is a good grip? *It is the one which lets the player hit the most good shots!* More specifically, it maximizes the number of shots that meet the criteria for distance and direction. Since solving the problem of distance & direction is golf's ultimate & absolute challenge, then whatever combination of PREFERENCES a player utilizes to accomplish that objective becomes a "good grip".