



CASTLEWOODS
COUNTRY CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2004

One way to ensure success in any business is to take the good advice and use it and then let the other gobbledygook go in one ear and out the other. Upon a member's suggestion, we thought that we would try a 'Pot Luck' night at the club. The idea was that Castlewoods would supply the facility, music, and beer and all the partygoers would bring the food and anything else that would make for a fun party. It was suggested that most of the lady members of the club have a favorite dish that they love to show off at home, so let's keep the cost down of the party and bring our on food. So here we go, 'Pot Luck' night at the club with keg beer and Hunter Gibson will be on Friday, September 17th beginning at 7:30 pm. The cost will be \$15 per couple and \$10 for singles. If possible call Melissa at 992-1942 before the 10th and let her know if you are participating and what dish you plan to bring.

Another way to ensure success is to take something that works and build on it. Well, 'Dinner at the Club' in August seemed to be enjoyable to all 75 people in attendance and a nice change from the grill. Thursday nights also appear to be a good night so we'll try it again this month on the 30th. The menu will consist of your choice of Beef or Chicken Marsala along with Mediterranean Vegetable Mix, Twice Baked Potatoes, Salad, & Dessert Medley. Please give Melissa a call on or before the 25th to make your reservation. For ease in billing, your account will be billed an all inclusive price of \$24.50 for the Beef entrée' or \$21.50 for the Chicken entrée' once you RSVP.

Besides good food and lots of fun the last two paragraphs have two other things in common. Success and Melissa. For those of you that do not know her, Melissa Hall, our events coordinator, is the major reason that our events go so well at the club. Even though you may not see her, she is the mind behind the scene and is responsible for the success that we have been having in our new facility. If any of you have an up coming party, business meeting, gathering, wedding reception or any kind of wingding, please contact Melissa as soon as possible and reserve your date. With Christmas coming up soon, our new addition is filling up very quickly. Call Melissa today and reserve our room for your next function and tell your friends since we also host outside events.

Success comes in all forms. Congratulations are in order for Kevin Brady and Jason Ryu for their win in the first Castlewoods Country Club Junior Club Championship. Kevin won the 14 and under division and Jason won the older age group and also the overall Championship. These are two of our most dedicated juniors in the club. They are proof that practice and hard work makes you successful. Congrats to Kevin and Jason! Also congratulations are in order for 'fungroupers' Travis Naccarato, Brian Brister, and Ben Brister for their win in the rain-shortened Horizon/Castlewoods three man scramble/gamble with 8 under!

Keeping with the monthly theme of success, our Sunday Buffets have kinda caught on. If you haven't been out on Sunday in a while, then give our Buffet a try. Ruby and Geri both are busy every Sunday morning preparing a Fannin Mart style lunch. Please call ahead and let us know how many hungry people you plan to bring. Avoid the crowds at the usual places and head out to the club for some of the best vittles in town!

Many businesses successfulness depends on managing their cash flow properly. In order for us to continue improving the facility in the same fashion that we have the first seven months, we need you to help us with our cash flow. Statements from the club are due upon receipt and your prompt payment before the 10th of every month would be greatly appreciated.

They say that there is success in numbers and that's surely the case in the country club business. We continue to grow in membership numbers, but we have yet to hit the number that we feel is necessary to operate this facility the way we want to. So for that reason, we are still waiving the initiation fees until the end of this month. The success that we have had in building our membership will probably dictate the end to this very soon. So if you have any friends that are considering joining, bring them out, let them play under the new member special and then get them to sign up. It won't be long before our success stops this membership drive and we kick in the initiation fee again.

Sincerely,
Max Maxwell

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 8th Wednesday Boy Scout Outing 1pm Shotgun

September 9th Thursday Jackson Senior Men's Golf
Bear Closed AM Interclub 8am Shotgun

September 14th Tuesday Fallen Firefighters Outing
12:30 Shotgun

September 16th Thursday Jackson Senior Men's Golf
Bear Closed AM Interclub 8am Shotgun

September 17th Friday Pot Luck Dinner
with Hunter Gibson

September 23rd Thursday MGA Scramble 5:45pm

September 25th Saturday Junior Fall Golf Tournament

September 30th Thursday Dinner at the Club 7pm

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

We are establishing a **NEW POLICY** effective October 1, 2004, to address the issue of late payment. A late fee of \$20 will be added each month your account is past due. Any member who has not paid his/her dues within 60 days of billing will have all privileges suspended.

Per the Rules & Regulations, resignation from Castlewoods Country Club requires a 30 day written notice. Any member who resigns from the club will be required to pay back dues plus an initiation fee of \$1,000 if they rejoin within a 12 month period from the date of resignation.

TURF TALK

It is hard for me to believe I have been on board here for one year already. I knew when I arrived here last September that we would have to make some drastic changes to turn this club back into one of the go to places in the Jackson area. Not even I could have imagined what would take place in the year ahead.

I came to my shop on September 2nd, 2003 very excited for the opportunity Links Corp gave me to run this golf course. After all, this has been home to me for almost twenty-five years. I had a list of 156 things I felt like needed to be done and we immediately started to work. At the end of 2003 I was pleased with our progress and it seemed our members were too. Although pleased, I like most golf course superintendents, was not satisfied yet. Among rumors of the sale of the club we planned for the upcoming growing season.

Cecil Muse approached me in late January to confirm the rumors and discuss the plans he had for the club in the coming years. Again I was very excited for the opportunity he presented me and for the new challenges he and the group of owners bestowed on us as a club. On February 26th, 2004 the sale of Castlewood's Golf Club became official. I would like to say "and the rest is history" but the history book has not yet closed.

As my family and I planned for the arrival of our new baby girl (who buy the way is the most beautiful thing God has ever blessed us with) the owners started a plan to take Castlewood's to a higher level than would be imagined by most people. In the six months sense February this club has seen a change that is matched by nothing I have ever seen. With the addition to the clubhouse, the new practice green, and all the improvements to the course the membership has grown by more than 100%. The acquisition of the pool and tennis facility will surely be marked as a cornerstone of this club as well.

We would not have been able to accomplish all this with out the help of our golf course maintenance staff. My assistants Robyn Reynolds and Ken Haymen have been pillars for the club the whole summer. Eddie Pennypacker has proven to be one of the best golf course mechanics I have seen in the business in 15 years. Al Jackson, James Kincaid, and James Calhoun have been long time employees of the club. Their dedication to the club is unmatched. Alvin McCarley is my go to guy and long time friend from back in the day. Kendrick Butler and Montel Ferrell are new hires who have learned fast and done an excellent job. These guys, along with our seasonal help, are the foundation for what has happened here. If you see them feel free to stop them and say hello, most of them are pretty friendly. Just kidding they are all great guys.

LANDSCAPE TIP:

September is the deadline for your fall pre-emergent herbicide application. Most winter weeds will germinate in late summer or early fall. Pre-emergent herbicides work best when applied at this early growth stage. If you have any questions about what, how, and when to apply your pre-emerge please call me at any time or ask your local yard and garden representative.

Mike Stupica
Golf Course Superintendent

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT.....



**Buck Boyd, Teaching Professional,
USPTR**



We are pleased to announce the addition of Buck Boyd to Castlewoods' staff. He started his tennis career in Jackson at Parham Bridges Tennis Center & has taught at Madison/Ridgeland Tennis Center as well as the Reservoir YMCA. Buck is the Tennis Link representative for Rankin County and is responsible for the Junior Development Program. Buck plans to incorporate league play, an academy setting and challenge ladders for all level of players. You may reach Buck & his staff at the Tennis Center to schedule court times or lessons at 992-5993.

TENNIS CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday-Thursday 9am-9pm
*last reservation at 7:30pm

Friday/Saturday 9am-6pm
*last reservation at 4:30pm

Sunday 1pm-7pm
*last reservation at 5:30pm



SIGN UP NOW!

Top Spin Academy & Spring Leagues Forming

Top Spin Academy is a program for Juniors ages 3-21 which includes 8 hours of instruction each month for \$50 starting in September.

Adult groups are forming and cost \$10 per 1 ½ hour lesson.

Individual instruction is offered at \$35/hour -OR- \$20/half hour.

We're Wired!!!

Visit your club online at castlewoodscountryclub.com. In order to help you keep informed about club happenings and contacts, please refer to our web site.

Newsletters may be downloaded from the websites. Or you may contact us direct:

General Manager: fmaxwell@castlewoodscountryclub.com
Accounting/Membership: jgray@castlewoodscountryclub.com
Events/Membership: melissa@castlewoodscountryclub.com
Course Maintenance: golf@unityisp.com

LOOKING to Improve your Game?

Call our teaching professional, Bob Ford, to schedule your individual lesson. The rates are as follows:

- ◆ *Individual Instruction Lessons:*
 - One - 30 Minute Learning Session.....\$45*
 - One - 45 Minute Learning Session.....\$60*
- ◆ *Individual Instruction Series:*
 - Five - Half-Hour Learning Sessions...\$200*
 - Five - One-Hour Learning Sessions...\$300*

Group Lessons & Mini-Clinics also offered.

Castlewoods Men's Golf Association

The MGA will host a Scramble on Thursday, September 23rd at 5:45pm. Deadline to sign up is 4:45pm on the 23rd. The monthly meeting will follow the Scramble. Please make plans to attend.

Dancing Rabbit Golf Club Agreement

Effective September 1, 2004, **Castlewoods Country Club** and **Dancing Rabbit Golf Club** will enter an arrangement for the benefit of all Castlewood's Members. Thanks to the work of our ownership and the management of Dancing Rabbit, beginning September all current members of Castlewoods will be allowed to play two of the Top 100 golf courses in America for a reduced rate of \$50.00 on any day of the week.

You may call Dancing Rabbit within 3 days of the time you wish to play at **601-663-0011**. Please let the staff know you are a Castlewoods' member for the reduced rate. Members may call on the Thursday before the weekend they wish to play for tee times through that following Monday. Any tee times made in advance of the 72 hour time period and all Castlewoods' **non-members** are subject to the published rates for that tee time. The golf shop at Dancing Rabbit will verify that you are a member at Castlewoods according to their membership list and the **\$50.00** fee per person will entitle you to 18 holes of golf plus a cart and range privileges. If you want to play additional golf after those 18 holes, you will be required to pay an additional cart fee if tee times are available. All transactions will be in cash or credit card to prevent any future billing issues.

We feel this extra amenity for Castlewoods' members will allow us that additional entitlement even when we are closed on Mondays or have events scheduled at the club that would prevent access to the Bear or Moose courses in the future. Our membership will also be entitled to an additional **10 %** reduction from the Dancing Rabbit Pro Shop. DRGC is currently in the process of adding GPS systems to their fleet of golf carts, which, is scheduled to be completed in January. Currently the green fees at DRGC are \$72.00 during the weekdays and \$96.00 on the weekends plus \$18.00 cart fees. We encourage all members to take advantage of this new amenity and hope this partnership with Dancing Rabbit Golf Club will supply you with many hours of enjoyment and entertainment in the future.



REMINDER to Members:

Castlewoods Country Club now offers Pool & Tennis memberships. Current members may add the option for an additional \$25 per month. Or tell your non-golfing friends its \$40 per month with a one-year agreement.

Help us make Castlewoods Country Club a better facility by signing up a new member this month. We're waiving the initiation fee until the end of September and offering a special green fee rate for prospective members. Call Max for details at 992-1942.

SUNDAY BUFFET



Has Returned To Castlewoods Country Club!
11 a.m. - 2p.m. Each Sunday
\$7.50/ adult \$4.50 /children under 10

2004 Castlewoods Country Club Junior Club Championship Recap

Results from the 2004 Junior Club Championship:

Junior Club Championship Ages 15-17:

1st Place - Jason Ryu (158), 2nd place - Robert Ford II (163),
3rd place - Cory Mays (168), 4th place - Blake Jeter (178),
5th place - Whit Holland (211), 6th place - Brad Youngblood (204)

Junior Club Championship Ages 12-14:

1st place - Kevin Brady (175), 2nd Place - James Winter (177), 3rd Place - Thomas Adams (191), 4th Place - Garrett Alford (193), 5th Place - Aubrey Mays (198), 6th Place - Matt Massingale (200), 7th Place - Eric Peacock (204), 8th Place - Connor Tackett (227)

SIGN UP NOW for the JUNIOR FALL TOURNAMENT

1 p.m. Saturday, September 25th
18-hole Stroke Play No Carts
\$20 Entry Fee

Ages 12-13 play from the Gold Tees

Ages 14-17 from the White Tees

PRIZES will be awarded. Come have FUN!

Explore the possibilities.....

The new addition of our club is now available to host parties, special events, wedding receptions, and most any other function. Special rates are procurable for members and non-member events are also welcomed. Call Melissa at 992-1942 for more information.