

MESSAGES from MAX



WOW! What a year! It's hard to believe that Christmas is already here. Congratulations are definitely in order for our Northwest Rankin Cougar's football team.....even though they didn't win the state championship, they did prove that winners never quit. Down 38 to 14 to the Columbus Falcons in the fourth quarter in the semifinals of the state playoffs, the Cougars fought back with one of the most memorable fourth quarters in school history. 21 unanswered points later, our Cougars were only 3 points down with 4 minutes left in the game. But the Falcons proved to be the better team that night pulling out a 44 to 38 victory. In 2005, Northwest Rankin won State Championship Titles in golf, tennis & baseball along with a 10-2 record in football. What a great year for our neighborhood!

For all you Christmas shoppers that didn't take advantage of our apparel sale in November, we're offering another apparel sale on December 9th through the 11th. Find Dad that special gift that is sure to make his Christmas exceptional and save 10%. New shipments of FootJoy shoes and logoed mock shirts, along with Cutter & Buck shirts and outer wear, Tommy Hilfiger fleeced, logoed shirts, and Ashworth mock long sleeved winter shirts have just arrived. He'll thank you for

many months to come.

You'll notice that an entirely OPTIONAL charge has been added to your statement this month. A \$15 charge has been added to your statement to begin a Castlewoods Employee Christmas Fund. If you do not wish to participate, then simply subtract \$15 off your statement total and return your payment as usual. Your statement in January will reflect the change. If you do choose to participate, then thanks for helping make our employees' Christmas just a little more special.

The last two months have boosted our member numbers nicely, but you still have a chance to help with our ongoing membership drive during December. For every new member (\$195 and \$185 categories only) that you sign up during December, you will receive three months of credit on your dues. We are still offering 'no initiation fee' and for under \$200 per month, Castlewoods has to be one of the best golfing values going. Just call me at 601-992-1942 for more info.

Castlewoods Country Club will host a Christmas Open House on Friday, the 16th from 5 until 7 pm. Keg beer for the men and a little vino for the ladies will be served, along with some light hors d'oeuvres. Bill will have the golf shop open for all the last minute Christmas shoppers. So

y'all stop by for a little Christmas cheer with your Castlewoods family on your way out to dinner.

We will close at 3 pm on Christmas Eve. Since Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, we will be closed Christmas Day. We will reopen on Monday the 26th, just in case you have relatives in town that are itching to play and the weather permits. The schedule for New Year's Eve and Day is similar. Saturday the 31st will be normal Saturday hours then we will be closed on New Year's Day then reopen on Monday the 2nd.

Mike Stupica and his crew have done an excellent job restoring our course to pre-Katrina conditions. If you haven't played the course lately, then you owe it to yourself to come out and enjoy the fantastic greens and the absolutely marvelous fall color changes that we are currently experiencing. If the weather is inclement, then remember Geri and Ruby are usually serving up the best grilled food this side of the Pearl River most every day until early afternoon.

Wishing each of you only the very best of the holiday season and an extremely Happy New Year, I am,
Max Maxwell

TURF TALK by Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

As another year is about to come to a close it is a good time to reflect on our accomplishments in 2005 and plan for the upcoming season of 2006. 2005 was very busy for us on the grounds crew. The lake project on #11 took a considerable amount of our time. I think it turned out really well and when the grass grows in next summer we will have, I think, the best four-hole corner in the state. The irrigation lake behind 14 tee will give way to a beautifully landscaped common area and the addition of a new championship tee on the old levee will ensure a memorable stretch of holes that I am sure will hold countless dramatic events for many years to come.

In 2006 the MGA has offered us another major state championship. Along with the State Father/Son Championship we will host the State Woman's Amateur Championship. Any time an outside organization chooses our course to hold an event it makes me proud for the respect our club is gaining. This is due to the hard work the entire

staff is doing at this club. If we continue to receive great support from our membership I am sure it won't be long until we can truly say Castlewood's is back on top.

Carts on the paths. As I am writing this article it is raining. The winter rainy season seems to be upon us. Good, we needed the rain after the driest fall on record. We have been spoiled for the last 8 months to be able to ride off the cart paths most of the time. That is about to change for a couple of reasons. 1. It is raining. 2. This time of year the grass is not growing. Most of the moisture in summer is dried by the plants use of water. With the sun angle very low there is little or no evaporation. 3. Last year we spent too much of our time fixing ruts. We caused some and others were caused by golf carts. It is my goal not to fix any ruts this season. 4. It is your golf course, lets keep it looking nice. 5. It takes over an hour and a half for my crew to ride back to the shop, get a tractor and chain, and return to the course to pull someone out of the mud. I don't mean to lecture but in my opinion and that of the owners, when carts are on the paths the only dry spot is on the path. Please obey this policy.

Also passing someone in front of you causes considerable damage to the edges of the cart path. Please keep this in mind during your round. Pink flags do not allow a golfer to get off the path when it is deemed that carts should remain on the path. I know this is an inconvenience to golfers but it is necessary to maintain quality-playing conditions. Thanks.

I hope everyone has a great holiday season. Thank you for your support and if you have a friend who you think will make a good member sign them up. More members will help us move forward and achieve our goals.

Mike Stupica

Golf Course Superintendent



LOOK

Christmas SALE

December 9-11th

10% Off our already low prices on all

Golf Apparel

Cash, credit or debit cards only, please.

Clip coupon to save 10% on your total purchase during this sale.



CHALLENGE LADDER

The Challenge ladder is ready for sign-up. Anyone interested will need to register prior to December 15th. We will have doubles and singles ladders for all ages and levels. Cost is \$25 per person per event.

All items in Tennis Pro Shop are on **SALE** for up to 50% off. New items just arrived!

CONGRATULATIONS to Carter Black for his recent tournament win in Brookhaven. Carter is currently ranked in the top 10 In the state in his age bracket.

GIFT CERTIFICATES are available in the pro shop for lessons, as well as, for items in the shop. Come in before December 15th and get one free one hour lesson when you purchase six (6) lessons.

CARDIO TENNIS is coming in February. Come and get in shape for the swimsuit season or just to do your body good. You do not have to be a tennis player to participate. This program will be focus on heart health and is a great way to lose those pounds we all gain around the holiday season. Cost will be \$10 per session. Call Buck for details.

TOP SPIN ACADEMY:

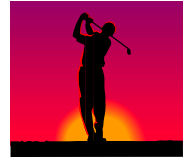
CONGRATULATIONS to all of the Top Spin Academy students that tried out for the NWR high school tennis team. All students were selected. Good luck as the team looks to repeat as state champs.

BALL MACHINE RENTAL:

Available at \$10 per hour.

December 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Private Member Party 6-11:30pm
4	5	6	7 Canasta Luncheon 10am-2pm	8	9 Private Member Party 7-11:30pm	10 Private Member Party 7-11:30pm
11	12	13	14 Jr. Auxiliary Luncheon 11-1pm	15 Private Member Party 7-11pm	16 Christmas Open House for Members 5-7pm	17 Private Member Party 11am-1pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 CLUB Closes at 3pm
25 Merry Xmas! CLUB CLOSED	26 CLUB OPEN	27	28	29	30	31
1 Happy New Year! CLUB CLOSED	2 CLUB OPEN	3	4	5	6	7



Tips from the Golf Pro by Jay Jordan

DIRECTORY:

ACCOUNTING—Joyce Gray	992-5334
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PUSH OFF THE BACK INSTEP TO GAIN MORE DISTANCE

One key thought to use for extra distance in your driving game is the thought of initiating the forward swing with a back foot image. As you begin your move down and then through the golf shot, focus on your back instep. Think of the inside part of your back foot rolling toward the target as you approach impact—heel leading toe. It's similar to a baseball pitcher pushing off the rubber to gain leverage. This push off with the back instep will help you drive through the shot for extra distance. Give it a try.

LEVEL YOUR FOREARMS

At address, the most powerful and natural arm position will find your forearms parallel to the target line. Don't allow your back forearm to be either under or over your front forearm at address. A line drawn across your forearms should line up with your feet, knees, hips and shoulders.



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Castlewoods Development, LLC., is currently developing home sites in Woodlands Glen Part Three, The Pinnacle Of Woodlands Glen and Willow Crest. Golf course home sites are currently available in Woodlands Glen Part Three. There are new homes currently available on and off the golf course built by some of the area's finest homebuilders. Beginning in early summer of 2005, home sites will be available in The Pinnacle Of Woodlands Glen and also in Willow Crest. For more information please contact Randy Berg at 601-594-5648.

Castlewoods golf course home sites now available