

# Moose Memo

It looks like summer is just about here by the way the temperature has been rising the past couple of weeks. With the warm weather, we are also seeing green grass growing and as a result the fairways are perfect and the rough is starting to get some teeth when we occasionally hit that wayward drive. The greens have now been aerified and within a week will really start looking great and rolling true for the rest of the golfing season. I have discussed our fertility program with our superintendent and he is very encouraged by what he is seeing thus far this season. We are also in the process of planting some sod around the course as well as continuing to fix some holes that popped up during the winter. Several other course improvements are still on slate for this month and also in July and as has been our practice for the past six years we continue to make Castlewoods Country Club the premier course in the area. Our swimming pool is now open for the season and it looks great. We also purchased the new diving board and hired a new staff of life guards for your safety. As we normally do the past few years, we are now offering pool only memberships at the club for \$450.00 per year. If you are interested in joining the pool for this season, please drop by and sign the membership form with the club and enjoy this season of swimming. We will also offer pool parties for our members this year so if you are interested in renting the pool for your next party, call the club for more information and availability or just drop by and speak with the friendly staff. We also have a couple of junior golf clinics scheduled for June and July. The sign up sheet is in the pro shop and Mike is really looking forward to building a great junior presence at the club. Mark and his pros at the tennis courts are also having several events for juniors as well as the other members to participate in this summer. Please be sure and read his section of the news letter each month on page two.

We have now gone through one month of enjoying the new dishes that Chef Hoyt Williard has been preparing and I can definitely say that if you are not eating at the club, you are missing out on some great food. We are also continuing our Sunday buffet and of course we are also serving from the menu on Sunday as well as every other business day. Last month we had several golf outings at the club and the MGA held their third event, "The Crawdaddy" a couple of weeks ago. The results of the two man scramble and four ball were as follows: First Place went to Bill and Tony Heimer with a Net 60.5, In Second Place was Chris Baker and Greg Williamson with a Net 63.5 and in Third Place was the team of George Hinman and Hal Brumfield with a Net 64.5. The golf was great and the crawfish was even better. Thanks to all who participated. Don't forget the next MGA event "Me and the Other Guy" is scheduled June 12th at 9:00 AM. This event is a two-man four-ball format and the lowest gross scores will win as well as a net division in the last flight. Lunch will follow so be sure to sign up in the pro shop and get ready for good fun and better golf. The CLGA also held their Hawaiian Ball Tournament last week and there was a good turnout for the event. Good food, prizes and gifts made the event even better and the winners of this two-person scramble were:  
1st Flight - Gross - 1st - Foley/Jones,  
2nd place - Duvall/Yaniz.  
Net - 1st place - Barker/Tidmore,  
2nd place - Greer/Norris  
2nd Flight - Gross - 1st - Wolverton/Miller, 2nd place - Allen/Clark  
Net - 1st place - Moore/Barksdale  
2nd place - Penna/Blalock  
3rd Flight - Gross - 1st - Trout/Becker  
2nd place - Fincher/Money  
Net - 1st place - Willingham/Muse  
2nd place - Harvey/Olenski.  
With the exception of a few parties the June calendar is fairly open so I hope to see you soon. Moose

## Pro's Corner

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the warm welcome that all of you have extended to me since I have been at Castlewoods Country Club. Knowing everyone's name is my next real challenge, so I ask for your patience in the next several weeks. As you can see, the golf shop is stocked with new merchandise with most on sale for 30% to 40% off. Come by and let us help you with your next purchase. Pricing on golf balls, golf shoes and golf clubs will be competitive with stores in the area. Remember, personal fitting of golf clubs is the single most important part of a new club purchase. Being a certified club fitter, I will make sure you get the exact fitting you need. You will also notice that we are having a couple of junior clinics coming up this month and also in July. The first clinic starts on June 29th through July 1st and is for ages 7 to 15. The second clinic is scheduled from July 27th through the 29th and both clinics are \$75 per junior and the clinic starts at 8:30 AM till 11:00 AM each day. Please sign up in the pro shop as space is limited in each clinic. I am also going to schedule a ladies clinic in July so check with the pro shop for the dates. I am also getting a demo day set up in the near future so keep an eye out for that announcement and come get the exact fitting you need. If any of you have an interest in playing in pro-ams around the state, come by the golf shop and let me know. I will try and coordinate some of these outings from time to time if there is enough interest. Again, Thanks for making my transition to the Brandon area so easy and please come by and introduce yourself when you get the chance. Mike Hoelzer  
PGA Golf Professional

## TURF TALK by Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

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By now I'm sure you are all aware we aerified the greens the day after Memorial Day. I know you are all thinking they were finally getting good and course maintenance beats them up. To an extent I guess that is true but if we do not do the necessary cultural practices on our turf it will never become great. Remember in issues past we talked about the plants desire to grow to its fullest maturity. Well this is true. We are asking it to do something it is not genetically able to do on its own. These cultural practices are done as a result of research by the USGA. This allows us to manage the turf in a way to help it sustain life in conditions it will normally not thrive. So is it necessary? You bet.

So far we have had a short spring with the temperatures climbing into the 90's about six weeks earlier than normal. This is good for grass in the south. Over the past two weeks we have seen the turf turn from being green to growing very aggressively. This is what we are looking for this season.

Now we have something to work with. The course is now entering its prime for the growing season and we are looking for a successful season.

The addition of Mike Hoelzer to the staff has had an immediate effect on the club. His experience with all aspects of the golf industry is a huge asset to the club. The pro/superintendent relationship at any club is a key to success for the entire operation. The benefits to the superintendent cannot be measured because he is the one who deals with the members day to day and he relays information to me about the expectations of the individual members as well as groups and outings. This information is invaluable to me. Without this communication between us we find ourselves at course maintenance kind of winging it when it comes to desired course conditions on a more specific level. You will enjoy the benefits of the new pro far past the walls of the club house. I can assure you.  
Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

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### Castlewoods Tennis News

**Northwest Rankin Tennis Team** - The NWR tennis team wrapped up a great season after winning the 6-A North State Championships and placing 2nd overall in the state team championships. In individual competition, Jenny Smith (8th grade) and Carly Adams had a great year as the pair won the state title in Girls Doubles. Congratulations to coaches Gwen White and Anna Hughes & the team on a terrific year!

**Triple Crown Winner** - Castlewoods' juniors have been busy the last few months with many competing in tournaments around the state. Natalie Taylor was a recent finalist in the G-12U division at the Courthouse Spring Jr. Challenge. Bryce Spong recently traveled to Cleveland and entered the B16-U, B 18-U and B 16-U doubles. Not only did he play 9 matches, but he also won all 9 matches giving him a triple sweep of the event. Our juniors are making a name for themselves, not only locally, but also statewide. Their hard work is paying off and the results show!

**Summer Junior Camp Schedule** - Tuesday - Thursday... with Friday being a make-up day due to rain.

Dates: June 8-10, June 22-24, July 6-8, July 20-22, August 3-5

Pee Wees Times 8:30 - 9:15 - Pee Wees-Ages 4-6, (Cost \$30), Court Stars Times 9:30 - 11:00 - Court Stars-Ages 7-12 (Cost \$54)

#### Player Tip - "The Lob Return"

The best defense against a marauding net player, especially one who plays up close to the net with impudence, is the lob return. When you use your lob return, you neutralize the serving team's net player and cause the serving team to change sides of the court, throwing them off balance. If you're really on your toes, you and your partner can then move forward to take the offensive from the net position, taking full advantage of the other squad's change of position. However, this strategy is less effective if the net player on the serving team lines up a little farther back from the net, ready to hit the overhead should you hit all but the best of lobs.

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