

MESSAGES from MAX



Hey, all you Dads out there....leave this newsletter on the kitchen table.....It's hard to believe that Christmas is already here. For all you Christmas shoppers that didn't take advantage of our apparel sale in November, we're offering another apparel sale on December 12th through the 17th . Find Dad /son /grandad/ brother that special gift that is sure to make his Christmas exceptional and save 15%. New shipments of FootJoy shoes and logoed mock shirts, along with Cutter & Buck shirts and outer wear, and Ashworth mock long sleeved winter shirts have just arrived. Looking for stocking stuffers? We got 'um with FootJoy socks (no pun intended), winter golf gloves, winter golf mitts (if your special man plays golf during the winter months these are the best gift you can give him), Titleist winter stocking caps, sleeves of golf balls, new Divvy sunglasses, golf towels by Titleist, Callaway, and logoed by Castlewoods, and a very wide assortment of golf caps. Maybe he doesn't play much during the winter, well, we have him covered, so to speak, with Ashworth, and Cutter & Buck summer shorts, and a great selection of summer shirts all priced to move. Maybe you're looking for a little more.....PING and Odessy putters, PING and Titleist wedges all make a wonderful gift for around a hundred dollars. Does his golf bag look a little beat up? Well, we have you covered there. We have the best in Callaway, PING and Titleist golf bags ready to be wrapped and placed under your tree. *****NEWS FLASH***** NEW ARRIVAL ***** THE 2007 Titleist SC75 LIGHT-WEIGHT GOLF CARTBAGS HAVE JUST BEEN DELIVERED BY UPS. These new bags weigh only 6 pounds. He'll love you every time he carries his clubs from the car to the clubhouse..... Hang in there with me its almost over.....Tired of hearing those stories where he hit it in the

woods off the tee, made a 10 and lost \$30 to Joe? Well, help him recover from those bad tee shots by purchasing him a 2006 Cobra Baffler guaranteed to stop these tales, on sale for \$99(in stock only) in the 20, 23 and 26 degreed heads. This gift will surely keep more money in the checkbook for more important things than golf like shopping ☺ . Maybe he has really been looking for that new driver. We have these too with the Titleist 905 and the Callaway X-Tour both in stock and on sale for \$50 off the sticker price. How about the ultimate gift that he'll cherish for years? Callaway X-18 irons are surely to surprise him and make this Christmas one to remember forever. But hurry we only have one set that is priced to move at \$699(3-pw). One more area that needs some attention. Castlewoods has one of the strongest junior golf programs in the state. Do you have a youngun' that might be interested in playing? Well, we have both La Jolla Junior at \$169 per set and PING MOXI Junior at \$220 per set in stock, that will get them off to the right start and make a perfect Christmas gift. Last but certainly not least, my personal favorite Christmas gift, a Castlewoods gift certificate, that is sure to make him smile and allows him the chance to walk through the golf shop and pick out something that he may not buy without it. Forget dealing with the traffic around Dogwood and come relax, maybe have lunch and shop at Castlewoods where you'll be sure to bring a smile to his face on Christmas Day!

Since this was supported so well last year by each of you, 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 cover our 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.

Castlewoods Country Club will host a Christmas Open House on Friday, the 15th from 5 until 7 pm. Keg beer for the men and a little vino for the ladies will be served, along with 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 Monday this year, we will be closed Christmas Day. We will reopen on Tuesday 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. Sunday the 31st will be the normal Sunday hours then we will be closed on New Year's Day then reopen on Tuesday the 2nd.

Mike Stupica and his crew have done an excellent job with the course this year and the greens are rolling around a 10 on the stimpmeter. 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,

Max Maxwell

TURF TALK by Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

Merry Christmas! Winters in the Deep South how crazy does that sound? Many of us from the northern areas of the country explain how winter down here is nothing compared to where we come from. Most of us can tell you stories about being snowed in for days at a time and temperatures so cold the Polar Bears stay indoors. Twenty five degrees to us means we just put on an extra layer of clothing and go about our daily business. It makes us feel like we are better than everyone else so just nod your head and say we're right.

In the deep-south winters on an average are very mild compared to most areas above the Mason Dickson Line. But we still experience some very cold temperatures from time to time. It seems in a week's time we can go from being a very comfortable 72 degrees to a very chilly 32 degrees over night and then warm back up to 72 by the next weekend. What affect does this have on our turf?

During periods of drastically changing temperatures, soil temperatures particularly in the top 3 to 4 inches change with the air temperatures. Heating and cooling of the soil results in the expansion and contraction of the soil itself. This is called soil



heaving. This heaving will cause root structures to break and even freeze during the coldest times. This will cause the turf to decay over a period of time. A perfect example of this would be to examine your bedding plants during this type of scenario. The plants will actually be pushed up out of the ground. Cart traffic and even foot traffic on turf will compound the problem and can cause severe injury to the turf, which may not be noticeable until spring when grass starts to break dormancy. Soil heaving, excessive traffic, high moisture and disease pathogens can all come together and cause severe winterkill.

What is winterkill? This is a term used to describe the loss of turf due to the cold weather stresses on the grass. Can winterkill be prevented? Most in the turf business will tell you we can reduce the effects of winterkill by strengthening our turf in the fall as best we can. This would include potassium fertilizers, fungicide applications, proper irrigation, and sound cultural practices through out the growing season. Mother nature has her own agenda so there are times when we do everything right and she dumps it all out the window. But at least we can sleep easy knowing we have done all we can and after that we will let her take over.

Mike Stupica



December 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 JARC Tea 10am /Private Party 7pm
3 Private Reception 1-4pm	4	5	6	7	8 KIDS CHANCE Noon/ 6pm Rehearsal	9 CLGA Scramble/7pm Wedding Reption
10 Fun Group Santa Showdown	11	12	13	14 Private Party	15 Club Holiday Party 5pm-8pm	16 Private Party
17 Private Party 2-5pm	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 	25 CLUB CLOSED	26	27	28	29	30
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Pool & Tennis NEWS by Buck Boyd



COURT TIMES ... Please call in advance to reserve a court time, so you do not have to wait or be turned away. Lights cannot be turned on from the outside. Please do not access the breaker box.

Reminder that courts close at 9pm Tuesday-Thursday and 6pm Friday-Sunday.

ADULT MIXERS will be on December 9th. **Please RSVP** on Buck's cell if you plan to attend. We will continue to have them one day a month during the winter months depending on participation. They 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.

NEW TIME SCHEDULE FOR JUNIOR ACADEMY
Classes will be as follows:

Beginners : Saturday 11am-Noon. 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.

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 for first week in January. 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.

NEW TIME FOR LADIES INTERMEDIATE DRILLS Every Sunday afternoon from 3-4:30 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!

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.

CONCESSION charges will be accepted with proof of identification & confirmation of Member Number.

Planning a company Christmas Party, Milestone Anniversary, Birthday, or Wedding Reception?

Please consider having your next special event at Castlewoods Country Club by contacting:

Melissa at 992-5334

to reserve the banquet room.

IMPORTANT!

2007 Mississippi Golf Association (MGA) Handicap Fees Are Due In January

Annual Handicap fees for 2007 will remain at \$20.00 per person (\$12 for Juniors under the age of 18). If you would like to have a handicap, please fill out this form & return with your December payment. This charge will be reflected on your January statement. A reminder that the MGA uses the money generated to support Junior Golf in Mississippi throughout the year.


NAME _____

SPOUSE _____

JUNIOR _____

DIRECTORY:		
ACCOUNTING—	Joyce Gray	992-5334
EVENTS/MEMBERSHIP—	Melissa Hall	992-5334
FOOD & BEVERAGE—	Ruby Miller	992-5337
	Gerri Norris	
GENERAL MANAGER—	Max Maxwell	992-1942
PRO SHOP—	Bill Trout, Pat Stephens	992-1942
	Scotty Tapscott, Jim Weems	
SUPERINTENDENT—	Mike Stupica	992-1937
TEACHING PROFESSIONAL —	Jay Jordan	992-1942
TENNIS CENTER—	Buck Boyd	992-5993

HOLE IN ONE



Chuck Souther aced the 194 yard 4th Hole on “The Bear” using a 3 iron. Witnessed by Brian Decker on Sunday, November 5th, 2006.

LOOK Christmas SALE

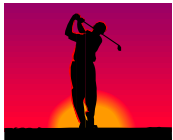


December 12th–17th

15% Off our
already low prices
on all
Golf Apparel

Cash, credit or debit cards only, please.

Clip coupon to save 15% on your total
purchase during this sale.



TIPS from the Golf Pro by Jack Grout

Jack Nicklaus says: “Jack Grout stresses fundamentals. He keeps them to a minimum, and he keeps them simple. I can assure you that the simplicity of Jack’s approach is the major reason why I’ve managed to play as well as I have over the years. He never fails to explain to you—as he did to me—the reasons behind his recommendations. This is important in the long run because, as the great Bob Jones once observed, we really don’t reach our maximum as players until we understand why we must do what we must do.

THE SAND SHOT

The principle underlying the sand shot is to slide the clubhead under the ball, lifting it out of the bunker on a cushion of sand. The sand wedge, with its heavily weighted sole and lower trailing edge of the blade, is specially designed for the job. The more you “open” the blade the shallower will be the “sand divot” and, conversely closing the blade will result in a deeper bite in the sand. The secret of the successful sand shot is an early cocking of the wrist on the take away, a steep angle of attack, and a full follow-through. After that, it’s mostly a matter of staying down to the shot and training yourself to take a 10-to-12-inch slice of sand on which the ball will ride out of the bunker.