

MESSAGES from MAX



CASTLEWOODS COUNTRY CLUB

So much to talk about and so little space.....If anyone ever suggests to you that **Randy Berg and Bob Loyde of Castlewoods Development, LLC.**, the developers of the new areas in Castlewoods, only care about their pocketbook and not about the golf course, then you need to stop them dead in their tracks. Two of Castlewoods Country Club's golf course biggest potential headaches concern water.....what to do with it when it rains too much and what to do when drought conditions exist. A recent agreement (negotiated by our own Moose) with Castlewoods Development, LLC., has assured that in the future these two problems will not be as severe as they possibly could have been. Through funds provided by this agreement, Castlewoods C.C. will be able to improve our drainage headaches in several areas and expand the lake on #11 into a new irrigation storage area, while also beautifying this corner of our course and making #11 a better hole. The new storage area will collect run-off rain water from approximately 300 acres of the surrounding home sites, golf course and woodlands. This in turn will allow us to not rely so heavily on a very inadequate and costly irrigation well during the summer months when we use our irrigation system. Recycling run-off water into irrigation water will empower us to be a much more environmental friendly golf course by decreasing our dependency on well water while saving us money too. **It's a win for the club, a win for the developer, a win for the golfers, a win for the environment and a win for the homeowners.** And that doesn't happen often. There will be some minor inconveniences during the upcoming months for our golfers and staff, but in September each of you will stand on 11 tee and say 'Wow!' Thank you **Mr. Berg** and **Mr. Muse** for having the vision to pull all of this together.

At the end of this month, we will be bringing back the **Castlewoods Men's Member/Guest Golf Tournament**. The format for the tournament will be a two-man four-ball and will be held over the weekend of April 30th and May 1st. Entry fee will be \$300 per team (\$250 if you are a Castlewoods trail fee member and your guest rides in your cart) and will include a dinner party on Saturday night and a very special tee gift. A practice round for you and your guest will be available at cart fee only. To provide the type of experience that we desire, we will limit the field to the first 40 teams to sign up. The field will be broken into 10 team flights with prizes awarded to the first 5 places in each flight. The weather will be great and the course will be in excellent condition, so take this opportunity to show a friend or business client the improvements being made at your club. The deadline for entry is Friday April 22nd and entry blanks are available in the golf shop or by email through me at fmaxwell@castlewoodscountryclub.com

During the weekend of April 8th -10th we will host the **Mississippi Golf Association's 2005 Mid-Amateur Championship**. This is the state amateur championship for men 25 years of age or older. We expect around 80 players and will be able to work our members in after play daily. I anticipate several of our members to make a run for the title and predict that we will have at least 5 of the top 15. The entry fee of \$205 includes cart and range balls for all three rounds and also a hamburger lunch following play on Saturday. Entry blanks are available in the golf shop and our members are encouraged to participate and if not play to spectate.

There is a **Spring Couples Scramble** scheduled for Sunday April 17th with a 2 pm shotgun start. The entry fee for this one day, two person event will be \$50 per team plus cart fee and is open to Castlewoods' members or guest. Included in the entry fee will be a hamburger lunch before golf at 1 pm and each participant will receive a sleeve

(3) of Titleist NXT balls. The field will be broken into gross and net divisions with one half of the teams combined handicap being used to determine winners in the net division. So get your spouse, honey, significant other, partner, ringer, or boy toy, but not all of them and come out for an afternoon of fun! Just call Bill at 992-1942 to sign up by Friday the 15th.

As most of you know, we are in need of a few more members in order for us to continue improving the facility and operate in the black. There are three ways that we have devised to make it easier for you to bring a friend out to play who might be interested in joining. First, we have a **prospective member rate of \$30 Tuesday-Thursday and \$40 Friday-Sunday** including cart that may be used for friends of yours that might be considering joining. Then if they join by the end of the month that they play, we will credit their account \$30/\$40 on their first statement. These special prospective member rate is available only during the months of April and May. Next are **member/guest playdays**, days when members can bring a guest and the guest pays no green fee, only the cart fee. We have scheduled four of these this month on Tuesday and Wednesday April 12th & 13th and the again on Wednesday and Thursday April 20th & 21st. Lastly, we will offer a **\$100 Food and Beverage credit** to any of our members that join a new golf member during the months of April and May. Once this new member (minimum \$160/month) is on board for 90 days, we will credit your account \$100. And please remind your friends that there are still a limited number of memberships available at **no initiation fee**.

Wishing you a happy spring, filled with eagles and birdies, I am

Max Maxwell

TURF TALK by Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

Welcome to April, the kick off of the golf season. We will start it off with the state Mid-Amateur Championship put on by the Mississippi Golf Association. This should be a great event and great opportunity to show case our club to the best male golfers in the state. If the rain holds off for a week or two the course should be in excellent shape. We look forward to the MGA being out here for this weekend. At the end of the month we have the spring Member/Guest. By this time the course should be green and growing. This is a great opportunity for our membership to enjoy the perfect weather and show off the course to some friends.

Along with some good tournaments in April the planned renovation of the lake and tee area of number 11 will get underway. This will be an extensive project that may involve some inconvenience to the members at times. This project will vastly improve the condition of this area of the course and afford us tremendously more storage capacity for our irrigation system. Also in this phase of our upgrades to the course we will be working on some smaller projects else-

where on the course. We will do some work around 8 green to solve some drainage issues as well as a few other small improvements to the course. It should be a great month.

The past several weeks we have observed many instances of vandalism to the course. These instances range from stolen flags to vehicles rutting up the greens surfaces. We have not been able to catch anyone in the act as of yet but when we do I have been instructed by the ownership to prosecute the offenders to the fullest extent of the law. Vandalism to a golf course is very expensive and time consuming to repair. If you should see anyone whom you think may be participating in these activities on our course please call the pro-shop (992-1942) or me at anytime of the day or night at 613-5302.

Mike Stupica
Golf Course Superintendent





'The Invitational' sponsored by BankPlus is scheduled for the weekend of July 29th –31st, 2005. According to an agreement with the tournament committee, Castlewoods Country Club members will receive their tournament entry two full weeks before the rest of the entries go out. Just in case you don't receive one and would like to play, more entries should be available in the golf shop by June 1st. Many thanks to 'The Invitational' for their 2004 donation to Castlewoods Country Club that went to offset the expenses of a pa/sound system for our new clubhouse expansion. We are looking forward to hosting the 2005 version this July! For more info go to www.theinvitational.net



UPCOMING GOLF SCHOOLS: For more info or to sign up call Jay Jordan @ 601-992-1942.

- ◆ **One Day Ladies Beginner Golf School:** Thursday, April 21st, 9am - 3pm, \$100 Entry Fee includes 5 hours of instruction and lunch. If you are just getting started & want the game to be more enjoyable, this one day school is perfect for you. We will work on all aspects of the game, from the short game to the full swing. You will learn some great tips & drills to use in your practice sessions, which will help improve your swing & all around game.
- ◆ **One Day Short Game School:** For Men & Women, Thursday, May 5th, Noon - 5pm, \$100 includes 5 hours of instruction. All areas of the finesse game, from inside 100 yards, will be covered. We will conduct putting, chipping, pitching, & distance wedges sessions. You will learn the proper techniques to make your short game prosper. Video analysis will be used to help simplify the correct posture, set up and swing plane. Maximum of 6 students. See Page 4 for additional Golf Schools.
- ◆ **One Day Golf School for Short & Long Game:** Thursday, June 23rd, Noon to 5pm, \$100 Entry. We will work on all aspects of the game, from putting to driving. Video analysis will be used & you will be given drills to use in your following practice sessions. If you are looking to take your game to the next level, this school may help you do so. Limited to 6 students.
- ◆ **4 Day Junior Golf Schools:** June 7th –10th **OR** July 19th—22nd, Boys & Girls Ages 6 thru 17, 9am—2pm each day, \$100 per 4 day school includes lunch each day. Juniors will learn a different part of the game each day, plus gain on course experience and etiquette. Video analysis will be used throughout the week, so you can watch your own progress. Come see how much fun golf really is! These are two different schools, so when signing up, please verify which date you wish to attend.
- ◆ **Form Your Own One Day Golf School:** Get a group of at least five golfers & have your own one day golf school. A fee of \$100 per person will include all parts of the game, or areas where you feel you need the most improvement. It can be 5 friends, clients, or family members. The day will consist of 5 hours of instruction on a weekday of your choice!

Employee Spotlight– Jim Weems, Pro Shop

Jim was born and raised in the Jackson, MS area. He retired in 2003 and started working in the Pro Shop April of 2004. Jim enjoys watching pro football and golf tournaments in his spare time. When Jim is not working, he likes to play as much golf as possible, and plans to enjoy retirement as long as he can.

Kudos to Jim for a job well done!



Pool & Tennis NEWS



LIFEGUARDS NEEDED!

POOL repairs are coming along & will be ready to open on Memorial Day weekend. We are interviewing for lifeguard positions NOW. Interested persons must be 16 years of age or older & be certified. You may get certification through the Red Cross or call The Courthouse for details on their certification classes. We will have Pool Rules & Hours of Operation posted in next month newsletter.

1st ANNUAL

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP -

Singles format for Beginner, Intermediate & Open will take place in May. You may participate in one event. The exact times & dates will be posted next month. Doubles & Mixed Doubles will be scheduled later in the year.

Tennis Pro Shop has a **special on stringing** through the end of April. Synthetic gut 16 Natural is only \$16.50. Also check for the latest in fashionable tennis attire. We can special order most any item & are competitive in pricing.

The **RANKIN COUNTY TENNIS ASSOCIATION** will host a High School Tennis Appreciation Night at our facility on April 29th. This will be open to all high school players and will include live music, free food, gifts & tennis! The fun will begin at 5:30 until 9pm for no cost.

TOP SPIN ACADEMY:

Is in full swing with new students starting monthly. The new Spring rate is \$65 per month for 2 hours each Saturday. Junior camps for the summer are being planned now. We have several college players from around the Southeast that will be coming to meet with the students & do clinics on various aspects of the game. There will be camps scheduled weekly starting June 1, except for the week of July 4th. These weekly camps will run until the end of July.

Please call in advance to

RESERVE COURT TIMES.

The USTA has Spring League matches on Wednesday & Thursday nights, thus court space is limited. Remember to check in at the Tennis Center PRIOR to play. Shirts & shoes must be worn at all times when on the courts. Guest fees are \$5 for non-members and must be paid in the tennis center prior to play. Each guest is allowed 4 visits annually.

BALL MACHINE RENTAL:

Available at \$10 per hour.

NEW ADULT BEGINNER CLASSES are starting and are limited to 8 students per class. Daytime &

evening classes are available. Please sign up by calling Buck at 992-5334.

Castlewoods Men's Group

The Castlewoods men's group is a game that any member is welcomed to join on any Saturday or Sunday when no tournaments are scheduled. There are only three rules you need to know to play. First you must have a **valid handicap**. Next you must sign up before **8 am** on the day that you want to play. You can call in the day before if you know you are playing. Tee times normally begin around 8:30 on Saturday and Sunday. And lastly bring **\$10** for the dogfight. Teams are paired by the golf shop and winning teams are paid to the low gross and net scores. So come out and please remember to sign up before **8 am**.

CMGA

ICE BREAKER

RESULTS:

1st Place: (60)

Shane Humphries, Matt Garrity

Tom Troupe, Jim Waylonis

2nd Place: (60)

Gary Hand, Tim Paul

Shay Burks, Fred Lytle

3rd Place: (61)

Kevin Butts, Cecil Muse

George Butts, Henry Norris

4th Place: (61)

Robin Foley, Bobby Park

Dick Stupica, Richard Lind

5th Place: (62)

John Ripppy, Larry Bain

Jim Weems, Larry Hamel



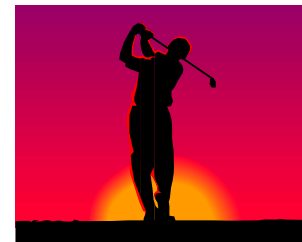
UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 2nd, Saturday March Madness—2Man Shamble
 April 8th—10th, Friday—Sunday MGA Mid-Amateur
 April 9th CLGA Nine Hole Play Day
 April 12th,13th, 20th, & 21st Member/Guest PlayDays
 April 17th, Sunday Spring Couples Lunch & Tournament— 1pm
 April 21st, Thursday Ladies Beginners Golf School—9am to 3pm
 April 30th, Saturday CCC Member/Guest Tournament—tee times
 May 1st, Sunday CCC Member/Guest Tournament—tee times
 May 5th, Thursday One Day Short Game School—Noon to 5pm

DIRECTORY:

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

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



Tips from the Golf Pro by Jay Jordan

DON'T LET A BAD HOLE RUIN YOUR ENTIRE ROUND

- Analyze, Don't Criticize

When most golfers have a bad hole, they start with the self-bashing and the name-calling, and wind up either getting furious or feeling sorry for themselves. Instead, try to separate your self-image from reactions to your performance. That double bogey doesn't define you; it's just something you did. Be objective, as if you are above yourself looking down.

The trick is to be a coach, not a critic. Identify the reasons you made the big number; maybe you sliced your drive out of bounds or four-putted because you rushed shorties. Try to address such problems by exploring the causes instead of your self-worth. Players who recover well are skilled at analyzing situations without getting too emotionally involved.

Use a wall for...

THE TAKEAWAY DRILL

Are you yanking the club inside on the takeaway? Set up with your rear end against a wall and take the club back. If you take the club too far inside, the club will hit the wall immediately. Practice going halfway back without hitting the wall to ingrain a better first move, and a much better swing plane!

Golf course living at its finest !

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

