



CASTLEWOODS

COUNTRY CLUB

APRIL 2004

WELCOME to the 'New & Improved' Castlewoods Country Club. Of course, by now each of you have heard of the changes. I am so excited to be a part of this. Rarely does one get the opportunity to work in such an extraordinary atmosphere. There is definitely a 'buzz' going around town about Castlewoods Country Club. Thanks to you, that 'buzz' is turning into a reality. I would like to take this time to thank each and every one of you for the warm reception that the new owners and I have been given. I have worked with many country clubs over the past 25 years but never have I seen this drastic of a change be so embraced by a group. Most members that I have spoken with seem extremely relieved by this transition.

While I'm pleased to report that we have over 150 new members at this writing, we are still in need of more. Understanding that our best method of advertising is word of mouth, we have decided to implement a "Bring a Friend & Play Day." **During the first two weeks of April**, bring a prospective member out and the Club will waive the green fees (the only fees that will be applicable are the cart fees). Please call the Pro Shop & sign up before coming out since we will limit these rounds to some degree. If your guest joins within 3 days of the round, we will waive the \$1,000 initiation fee. How often do you get a chance to save a friend a thousand bucks? This will give you a chance to show some of your friends the 'New & Improved' Castlewoods Country Club -AND- allow us to fill our membership with good people. So invite a guest to play on us!

One of the goals of the new owners is to limit outside play on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. They feel that a private club should be available to its' members on these days. We have already turned away numerous outings on Fridays for this reason. However, I do need to inform you that we are hosting the member generated MEA Medical Clinic Outing on Friday, April 23.

The March Madness Golf Tournament was a huge success! We had 96 players & 35 others to have dinner with us. The winners are posted elsewhere in this newsletter. Now if we could only do something about that guy that set those tee markers! OOPS! ☺

Once again a big thanks to all the members that have rejoined & also to our new members. With your help we will make Castlewoods Country Club one of the top five clubs in Mississippi.

Sincerely,

Max Maxwell

UPCOMING EVENTS:

dates & times are tentative

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| April 10 | 8am | Sat. | Titleist Demo Day |
| 17 | 9am | Sat. | Member-Member/
Member-Guest
6-6-6 Tournament |
| 23 | 1pm | Fri. | MEA Medical Clinic Outing |
| May 1 | 9am | Sat. | Castlewoods Ladies Golf
Association (CLGA)
Member-Guest |
| 10 | | Mon. | Aerification of Greens |
| 18 | 9am | Tues. | Castlewoods Ladies Golf
Association (CLGA)
Sr. Interclub |
| 27 | 7:30-10am | Thurs. | MS Golf Assoc.
Junior Tournament |
| 27 | 1 pm | Thurs. | IES Outing |
| 29,30, 31 | 9am | Sat.-Mon. | Memorial Day
Castlewoods Four Ball |

Please call the Pro Shop at **992-1942** for more information.

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.

TURF TALK

This is a wonderful time for Castlewoods Country Club. We have had some beautiful days lately, which would indicate spring is here. Along with the great weather came a group of gentlemen who acquired the golf course from Links Corp. I have been in this business for more than 15 years and have never come across a group of people who were more interested in making a golf course a success like this group. I started as the Superintendent here in September of 2003. I came here for one reason, to make Castlewoods the best golf course in the state. We are extremely fortunate to have the support of the new owners. In the next several months you will see vast improvements to the golf course and the clubhouse.

For the remainder of the spring and summer we will be improving drainage in several areas of the course. Some areas have existing drainage, which needs to be cleaned up for it to work properly and in other areas we will install new drains to help water move away from areas in play. We also plan to renovate some bunkers. These areas in general will take a considerable amount of time to complete. My crew will work to complete these projects with minimal disruption of play.

What about the greens? This is a question I have heard since my arrival. As many of you know, over the past 25 years Castlewoods has been through several renovation projects that have left us with several different types of grass on our greens. Each grass, to an extent, must be maintained differently to achieve consistency. We over-seeded our greens last fall and right now they are in good shape. The next three months will be key to transition our greens to Bermuda for the summer. If the weather holds nice we intend to aggressively start managing for the Bermuda grass. Many of you have asked, "when will we be aerifying the greens?" We have a date of May 10th set if the weather is good on that day.

LANDSCAPE TIP:

Don't let the warm weather fool you. Normally you can count on Easter marking the time to plant summer vegetables and annual flowers. For those of you who can't live without your tomatoes any longer, I would wait until after Easter to plant. Also wait until May to plant your summer annual flower garden. This time of year is the best time to grow your winter annual beds so let them bloom and get the full affect before you rip them out.

Mike Stupica

YOU ARE INVITED...to join the Castlewoods Men's Golf Association.

Please sign up in the Pro Shop. The election of officers and kickoff meeting is scheduled for 6pm Thursday, April 22nd. Annual dues are \$20.

IT'S BAAAACK!

After a year's hiatus, The Invitational is back at the beautiful Castlewoods Country Club. The three day, four ball format event is scheduled for July 23 – 25, 2004. Tournament Co-Chairs, Mark Brady and Curtis Vann, sat down with the new owners a few weeks ago and agreed to move the tourney back to its home. "It is our hope to never move it again," said Brady.

"We are very excited about our partnership with Castlewoods and it's new ownership."

The tournament was the brainchild of Brady and Vann, who pondered several golf-oriented events on their decks. With the help of Charter Sponsor Sodexo Services, the Castlewoods Four Ball was launched in the summer of 1996. The Invitational has evolved into a summer tradition not only for the golf but also for the social events. Bank Plus, a Corporate Sponsor, partnered a year later and the tourney has grown to what it is today. Several new sponsors will be coming on board this year. The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Mississippi will again be the benefactor. "We are very proud of our relationship with our sponsors and our charity," says Brady.

Tournament packages will be mailed in June and it is urged that all club members get their packets in before the deadline. Limited spots are available! "It always fills up and has become summer tradition," says Vann. Make plans to attend now!

REMINDER:

All members need to check in with Golf Shop before play.

MARCH MADNESS RESULTS:

- 1st Place:** John Waits, Bob Landry
Ken Sickles, Charles Cannon
- 2nd Place:** Travis Naccarato, Jeff Zachary
Terry Cole, Robert Smith
- 3rd Place:** Daniel Cross, Nick Cappony
Joe Patterson, Derrel Palmer
- 4th Place:** Michael Slack, Gary Lyles
Borden Brister, Jane Becker
- Last Place:** Buddy Matthews, Jim Lawrence
Kennon Broussard, Marshall Fisher

Longest Drives:

Men's	Dees Hinton
Ladies	Elsa Foley
Seniors	Larry Hamberlin

Closest to the Pin:

Hole #4	Jeanne Taylor
Hole #7	Tommy Bell
Hole #12	Daniel Cross
Hole #15	Bob Landry