

Moose Memo

Can you say Hot? Isn't it funny how just over a month ago we were talking about how much rain we have been getting and now it's been over a month since we have seen one drop of that rain. Even with the drought, the golf course is still in fantastic condition and the greens are completely recovered from the annual ritual of aerification. Now if we can just get a little relief from this hot summertime weather everything should be great for the rest of the year. By now I guess everyone knows about Jay Jordan. I know that many of us hold fond memories of Jay and I would like to thank everyone for their support these past few weeks at the club. I have taken over several of his duties and delegated several others to Mike, Jean Hee and other staff members. In fact we are just starting the process of finding another PGA pro to teach and take care of our members here at the club. Moreover when I started looking at where we were as far as the pro shop and membership services, it has become apparent that several changes must take place in order to continue to operate Castlewoods as a premier country club. Maybe if I explain the details, you will understand the methods of our madness. In further examination I have found that the club is losing a lot of revenue from cart fees and guest fees that we normally don't think about. One of the reasons is that the course have so many members who live around the course and many times it seems that members as well as non-members can just jump on the course and play whenever they want to without letting the pro shop know what is going on. This must stop for several reasons. Primarily due to the loss of revenue but beginning the first of July, everyone must check in with the pro shop prior to playing golf. When you check in, you will be given a receipt and this is the best way I know of to keep control of who and when a golfer is supposed to be playing golf. I have hired some members to marshal

This is one way we can determine who is supposed to be on the course or not. This receipt will serve as verification that each golfer has checked in prior to playing and those who do not have their receipt will be asked to leave the course. Hopefully this will stop anyone who is not a member or anyone who does not pay or check in from jumping in front of those who have checked in for their round. If you are on a trail fee or golf cart plan, you must also have a current golf cart sticker that is displayed on the front of the cart. This will show the marshal that every cart on the course is or is not supposed to be there. If you do not have a current sticker, please come by the club house and get one to place on your cart. Those carts that do not display a current sticker will be asked to leave the course immediately. We are also hiring a starter for Friday through Sunday who will organize the tee-times at the First Tee Box. This will be helpful in getting everyone started and ensure that those playing have checked in with the pro shop and are supposed to be playing at their specified tee-times. We must also ask any and all members to cease from practicing on the course at all times. If you want to practice, that is what our driving range, putting green, chipping green and North nine short hole is for. Once we have control of our course again, you will find that the golf course will start looking better and better with each and every week that passes. Wouldn't it be great if we all didn't have to worry about those un-raked bunkers, unfilled divots and all of those ball marks not repaired on the greens. Now I know that several of our members will not like these changes in the beginning but believe me if we all show support for these changes, Your club, Castlewoods Country Club, will be a much better place to play and enjoy. I thank you in advance for all the support and as always, if you have questions or comments, please don't hesitate to call on

Me at the clubhouse. The Friday's Happy Hours have been doing quite well of late and we continue to open every Friday night from 5PM until for everyone's enjoyment. Chef Keith is always preparing great dishes and we will continue to take care of you each Friday. In fact as an incentive during the remainder of this Summer, if you are a member at Castlewoods Country Club, we will give you a 20% discount on your food purchases every Friday night. This is just one way to say thank you for your support and if you have not been able to attend our Happy Hour yet, here is a good reason to drop in. Of course with all the business we have been getting, it is best to make a reservation prior to eating with us as several times we have sold out of our specials due to the large turn out. Of course our drink prices are the lowest in town and that alone has brought many new and regular guests in each Friday night. As a matter of fact, Jean Hee has also started giving members big discounts on parties, meetings, rehearsals or any other event that is booked for the remainder of the year. For more information just call Jean Hee at the club house. Thanks again and I hope to see you soon on the course. Moose

Upcoming Events in July:

Men's Club Championship is set for July 4th and 5th.

Junior Golf Clinic is July 7, 8 & 9th for ages 6 through 15.

The Men's Golf Association Flex outing, Me & Ye Ole Cup is set for July 18.

Castlewoods Couple's Tournament is set for July 25 and 26th.

For more information or to sign up for any of the above events, come by or call the club house at 992-1942. One final note, the Jay Jordan club house sale is scheduled for July 4 & 5th and there is also an account that has been set up at the Castlewoods BankPlus for the Jordan family.

TURF TALK by Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

May 23rd was the last decent rain we have seen on the course. During times of stress you will surely find all your weaknesses and on the flip side you can also find all your strengths. Our weakness is our irrigation system. This issue has been well documented over the years and is a very difficult issue to solve because of the extensive cost involved not to mention the disruption of play. Because of our antiquated system it is impossible to irrigate the course at night. For that matter it is difficult to water at all. Please bear with us as we are doing our best to stay out of your way and not get anyone wet. This brings us to our strength. And believe you me it is a big one. I have always maintained the core crew we have on the course maintenance staff is the best I have seen in my years of working golf course maintenance. Alvin and Robyn are the most dedicated assistants I have seen since well me. Albert, Hook, Montel, Chester, Kennis and Jason are very knowledgeable of their jobs and Zach is a great help while he is home from MSU. Our mechanic,

Tim Williams came on board last fall and has done an excellent job keeping things moving. Be sure to tell them about it when you see them. Now, let's talk green speed. We will pretend weather conditions have been perfect for growing grass on the greens. This would mean temps in the low 90's and rain about 3 out of 10 ten days. 15 years ago green speed was not that big an issue. We would mow greens at close to a 1/4 of an inch and as long as everything was green everyone was happy. In today's reality that is not good enough. Everyone loves speed. I agree fast greens are more fun and in my opinion easier to play. So why can't our greens roll 11 everyday? Simple, we would kill it if we kept those conditions day to day. I don't know any golf course superintendent who wants their name involved with killing it when it comes to greens no matter the situation. However during good growing conditions we can make these greens roll like the wind in Chicago and in certain situations we make them so good we can't putt them. I wonder how well they will be for the club championship. Look Out, sometimes you get your wish!
Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

Castlewoods Tennis News

State Tournament Results

Several Castlewoods teams posted great results in the recent adult league state championships held in June. Greg Hamilton's 3.5 team finished with 4 wins and 1 loss, with the only loss being a 3-2 decision to the state championship team from the Gulf Coast. With the top 12 teams in Mississippi qualifying to play in the event at 3.5, Hamilton's team finished 2nd in their field! In the men's 4.5 division, Matt Ruppert's team finished with a 3-1 record over the weekend. Their only loss was to the state championship team from Jackson. In the ladies division, Gayla Elliott's 4.5 team also finished second in the state. Her teams' lone loss was to the team represented by the Gulf of Mexico! Three second place finishes and one state championship team (Sr. Ladies 3.0-Wheat), is a great result from a club that is in it's infant stages as a tennis club. Only the best were able to beat us, but more championship teams are in the near future!

Local July Tournament Schedule

July 11 - RTC One Day Senior NTRP-MS(2.5-4.5)d,FMLC.....Deadline-July 7

July 31 - RTC Junior Novice BG(18-8)sd,FMLC.....Deadline-July 28

Castlewoods Junior Back To School Mixer-Saturday August 22

**It's not too late to get the kids in junior tennis camps. Camps are being offered every other week in July and the first week of August. Call the pro shop for details!

Tennis Tip Of The Month - Scoreboard For A Winner-Coaching The Mental Game

A Winner takes big risks when he has much to gain. A Loser takes big risks when he has little to gain and much to lose.

A Winner says, "Let's find out!" A Loser says, "Nobody knows!"

When a Winner makes a mistake, he says "I was wrong." When a Loser makes a mistake, he says, "It wasn't my fault."

The Winner works harder than the Loser and has more time. A Loser is always too busy to do what is necessary.

A Winner goes through a problem. A Loser goes around it and never gets past it.

A Winner learns from his mistakes. A Loser learns only not to make mistakes by not trying anything different.

A Winner respects those who are superior to him and tries to learn something from the. A Loser resents those who are superior and tries to find kinks in their armor. The Winner feels responsible for more than his job. A Loser says, "I only work here!"

A Winner shows he's sorry by making up for it. A Loser says, "I'm sorry," but he does the same thing the next time.

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