



# CASTLEWOODS

## COUNTRY CLUB

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**met·a·mor·pho·sis** 1. A transformation, as by magic or sorcery. 2. A marked change in appearance, character, condition, or function. 3. In insects, the transformation of a caterpillar into a butterfly. 4. The unbelievable changes that have occurred at Castlewoods Country Club over the first six month period of new ownership.

Mark August 26 down on your calendar today. Right now. It's a Thursday night and we're having a dinner at the club to celebrate the first half-year of new ownership. Imagine Castlewoods Country Club having a sit down dinner complete with white tablecloths, real silverware, no buffet line and no steaks that has nothing to do with a golf tournament. As we use this evening to reflect back on the first six-month metamorphosis of the club, it will also provide a view into the future of the club. A future that will include fine dining, swimming, tennis, and of course, one of the top rated golf courses in the state. We will limit the number of participants to the first 150 that sign up in order to provide only the best experience. At the time of this writing, the final details have not been arranged, but expect an affordable dinner with entrée choices quite unique for our club. Please call the club after the 10<sup>th</sup> and before the 17<sup>th</sup> to reserve your spot for this very special occasion. Melissa can be reached at 992-1942 for all the details.

Our membership drive will still be alive during the month of August. Even though we had a net gain of 22 new members during July, we are still waiving the initiation fee until the end of this month. We encourage you to bring prospective new members out to play this month. Call the club and ask for me and I'll explain our reduced green fee rate policy for prospective members.

On August the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> we will have our first junior club championship. Any junior golfer under the age of 18 is encouraged to participate. We will require that all participants walk for this tournament but will be allowed to have caddies that ride if they like. Call the golf shop today and sign your junior up. While on the subject of junior golfers, I must commend Bob Ford for the fine job he does with our junior program. His desire, commitment, knowledge, and determination will surely reap benefits to the youth of Castlewoods for many years to come. And while I have your attention on junior golf, I personally feel that we are, in some way, shortchanging our kids by allowing them to ride in a cart when they play at the club. I know this stance will be unpopular with all the kids and some of the parents, but stamina is important in golf and there's no better way to build it than walking when you play. I do acknowledge that The Bear is a hard walking course and that the nines don't return to the clubhouse, but I don't want us to miss out on the next Rhett Crowder or Mike Taylor, whom both walked their courses while growing up, because I kept this opinion to myself. Participants in high school and college must walk when they play. Let's strengthen these young bodies by expecting them to walk.

Moving right along....the effort that Mike Stupica and his staff continue to make is well, Herculean and was very noticeable during the Make-A-Wish golf tournament. One consistent message was heard from the players- the course has not been in such superb condition in years. There is one way that you, the golfer, can help make Mike's life easier. Orange lines have been painted around the greens to deter cart traffic on every hole. We ask that carts return to the cart path at the orange lines and continue on the paths until you are past the next tee. Your help in this area is greatly appreciated.

A special thanks goes out to Diann Zachary, Jordan Zachary, McKenzie Zachary, Jeff Zachary, Dusty Hinton, Harlee Hinton, Dees Hinton, Lisa Peacock, Mary Elizabeth Peacock, Cynthia Youngblood, Brad Youngblood, and Buddy Youngblood for the phenomenal metamorphosis magic that transformed our Ladies powder room into a five star spa. Thanks ☺

Congratulations are in order for Duke Simmons as he won our club championship again for what has to be a record twelfth time and also to Denny Howell and Tom Schisler for their win in the Make-A-Wish/BankPlus Invitational. See details on page three.

We have truly been a part of a metamorphosis at this club over the past six months. Whether it was magic or sorcery or hard work and money, it has happened and it is due to your participation at the club and the new owner's vision. We have forever changed the appearance, character, condition, and function of this facility and have turned this caterpillar into a butterfly. Now come out and enjoy it.

Sincerely,  
*Max Maxwell*

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Sat./Sun. Junior Club Championship  
August 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Monday/Tuesday Aerification of Greens  
on The Bear  
August 13<sup>th</sup> Friday MGA Jason Scramble  
August 26<sup>th</sup> Thursday Dinner at the Club 7pm  
August 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Sat./Sun. CCC Ladies Golf Association  
Member/Member - Member/Guest Tournament  
August 28<sup>th</sup> Saturday Horizon Casino/Castlewoods  
3-man scramble/gamble 1:30 shotgun  
Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Sat./Sun./Mon. Labor Day Scone two man

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

## TURF TALK

After the wettest June anyone under the age of 110 can remember the course finally dried enough to mow. The rains put a stop to all projects planned for June and pushed back all projects planned for July. Number one was to lay all sod we bought from the renovation of the Northwest Rankin Cougar Baseball field. This was an excellent opportunity for us to get the grass we needed at a very affordable price. I thank the membership for your patience over that very long weekend. Number two was to finish the clubhouse landscape and prepare it for The Make A Wish Four Ball. What about the Putting Green? Rain is the worst enemy of any construction project big or small. In between all the rains in June we were able to get the sand in the green. Typically if you can get the sand in the rest of the project is a piece of cake. Unless you get 18 straight days of rain. Our hopes for our new putting green in late summer has faded and gone. I now expect that we will be on the new green by the first of October.

By the way what is a USGA putting green, why do we need it and is there any other alternative? The USGA has in the past 40 years done extensive studies on what is the best way to construct a green. Basically a sub-grade is prepared in the mirror image of the desired green surface. Drain tiles are placed in a herringbone fashion for drainage, and a 4-inch gravel layer, which also mirrors the desired green surface, is installed. The greens mix is then added. The USGA green creates a separate environment for the greens that is, to a certain extent predictable through out the course. Studies have shown that depths of gravel, sand, and certain ratios between sand and organic materials are more conducive to growing quality putting surfaces. The bottom line is we are trying to make a grass grow under conditions that are not favorable for growth and we will take any advantage we can get. The modified USGA Spec. and the California Style greens are excellent methods of green construction; it just depends on whom you ask. These tend to be used by people who truly understand how the internal system of a putting green works. Most old style push up greens can be maintained at decent levels of quality but have a hard time performing to the quality demanded by today's golfer.

### LANDSCAPE TIP:

Water your lawn just before the sun comes up. This will insure the leaf blades dry quickly to help reduce disease pressure, reduce evaporation, and result in more efficient water usage. Now I expect to see those of you without automatic irrigation systems to be up early pulling hoses.

*Mike Stupica*  
Golf Course Superintendent

**Help us make Castlewoods Country Club a better facility by signing up a new member this month. We're waiving the initiation fee until the end of August and offering a special green fee rate for prospective members. Call Max for details at 992-1942.**



## REMINDER to Members:

Castlewoods Country Club now offers Pool & Tennis memberships. Current members may add the option for an additional \$25 per month. Or tell your non-golfing friends its \$40 per month with a one-year agreement.

## CONGRATULATIONS go to ELSA!

Elsa Foley is on the MS Women's SWATCA team. The team consists of the eleven best golfers in the state. They will be competing against five other states in N.C. in October. Good luck to Elsa!

## Explore the possibilities.....

The new addition of our club is now available to host parties, special events, wedding receptions, and most any other function. Special rates are procurable for members and non-member events are also welcomed. Call Melissa at 992-1942 for more information.

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT.....



Ruby Miller, Food & Beverage Manager



Ruby was born & raised in Casper, WY. After living in Lincoln, NE she moved to Jackson when her husband, Roger, was transferred. She has worked at Castlewoods since 1996. Ruby has three sons & five grandchildren ages 1, 2, 3, 5, and 8. Next time you stop by The Grill, please give kudos to Ruby.

## Castlewoods Men's Golf Association

The MGA will host a Jason Scramble on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm on the unaerified Moose nine. Deadline to sign up is 4:45pm on the 13<sup>th</sup>. The monthly meeting will follow the Scramble. Please make plans to attend.

## 2004 Castlewoods Country Club Men's Club Championship Recap

With the inch and a half of rain that fell in the evening before the first round, our golf course superintendent Mike Stupica was probably ready to check into a room just off of Whitfield Road. Eighteen of the prior twenty-two days rain had soaked our golf course. Routine maintenance of the course had been nonexistent since early June. However, Mike and his crew prevailed to provide greens that rolled near perfect for what has evolved into the annual Duke Simmons Invitational.

The first round proved to be a wet but par laden round that included even par rounds of 72 from Steve McKay, George Hinman, and eventual champion Duke Simmons. Not far behind and definitely still in the hunt were Bob Rubnik at 73, Michael Slack at 74, and Adam Hand at 76. Within striking range were past champion Ken Peacock 77, Dees Hinton 78, and John Waites 78. Following the first round, a Long Drive Contest was held to determine the Long Drive Champion of the club. This title was bestowed upon Kevin Butts with a club best 285 yards.

Through 13 holes of the final round we had a tie at even par between Duke Simmons and Michael Slack, with Adam Hand (+3), Steve McKay (+3), George Hinman (+4) and Bob Rubnik (+4) close behind. The 379 yard, tree lined, 10-handicap par 4, 14<sup>th</sup> hole proved to be one of the pivotal holes of the tourney. Having halved holes 11, 12, and 13 with par Michael Slack ripped his driver left, deep into the Rankin County Amazon that lines the left side of this hole. This led to his eventual double bogey that coupled with a birdie by Duke Simmons, provided a three shot swing among the leaders.

Drama then again erupted as Duke came back to the field with a double bogey on the 16<sup>th</sup> hole by spinning a ball back into the hazard that borders the right side of the green. However, Duke Simmons with a one shot lead with three holes to play proved too much for even our field loaded with talent to overcome. With a round of 72 and a total of 144, Duke was able to add another title to bring his club championship title total to a record dozen (12). Michael Slack finished with a round of 72 for second at 146, while Adam Hand fired the low round of the tournament

with a 71 and finished tied for third with Steve McKay at 147.

### Results from the 2004 Men's Club Championship: Championship Flight:

Club Champion: Duke Simmons 72-72=144, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Michael Slack 74-72=146, T-3<sup>rd</sup> place Adam Hand 76-71=147, T-3<sup>rd</sup> place Steve McKay 72-75=147, 5<sup>th</sup> place Bob Rupnik 73-75=148, 6<sup>th</sup> place George Hinman 72-77=149, 7<sup>th</sup> place Ken Peacock 77-73=150, 8<sup>th</sup> place Ben Brister 78-75=151

**First Flight:** 1<sup>st</sup> place Chuck Souther, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Terry Bergin, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Donell Dunaway, 4<sup>th</sup> place Larry Bain;

**Second Flight:** 1<sup>st</sup> place Willie Kinard, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Tim Paul, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Buddy Matthews, 4<sup>th</sup> place Bobby Waites;

**Third Flight:** 1<sup>st</sup> place Nick Cappony, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Sam Rush, 3<sup>rd</sup> place David Fiveash, 4<sup>th</sup> place Bill Brintnall;

**Fourth Flight:** 1<sup>st</sup> place Don Wimberly, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Scott Davis, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Jim Waylonis, 4<sup>th</sup> place John White.

### 2004 Castlewoods Long Drive Championship

#### Results:

Overall Champion:  
Kevin Butts 285

Under 40: Michael Slack 281    40 to 50: Derrel Palmer 273  
50 to 60: Randy Palmer 254    60 to 70: Bill Brintnall 203

### Denny Howell & Tom Schuler repeat as

**Champions!!!!** In the brutal heat of July, Denny Howell & Tom Schisler win **The 2004 Make-A-Wish/BankPlus Invitational**. They also won this event in 2002. Howell/Schisler shot a sizzling three-day total 194 to beat out fellow competitors Dill Gunn & Rainey Lee (198) and Ben Brister & Denver Glazier (199) for the title. Jim Woodson & John Rippy finished fourth with 200.

#### Other winners:

Championship Winners: *Denny Howell and Tom Schisler* 194  
First Flight Winners: *Michael Slack and Bob Rupnik* 206  
Second Flight Winners: *Ed Blurton and Kevin McBrayer* 211  
Third Flight Winners: *Gardner Gallaspy and Jim Maddox* 215  
Fourth Flight Winners: *Jeremy Jones and Matt Calvert* 218  
Fifth Flight Winners: *Tim Paul and Bill Bissell* 222  
Sixth Flight Winners: *Jay Milam and Wally Morgan* 228  
Seventh Flight Winners: *Brad Cook and Stephen Sims* 234

Putting Contest Winner: *Daniel Cross*

Putting Contest Runner-up: *Walter Ketchings*

\$500.00 Drawdown Winners: *Matt Dowd and Clay Overby*

3-day Aggregate Closest to the Hole Winner: *Ed Blurton*

