

MESSAGES from MAX



My high school golf coach was Larry Magee. Great guy; but as with most high schools, he was the assistant football coach who happened to play a little golf. Many high school golf coaches and even some college coaches are just responsible people that basically chaperone the kids to and from tournaments. This is a job that pays very little. Most professionals that know something about teaching generally have a hard time giving up their busy schedules in the Spring to help a handful of high school kids. The end result is that most kid's games become better during the summer months after golf season is over. That's about to change for the Northwest Rankin Golf team. Enter our own Cecil Muse, who has in the last 30 days agreed to coach NWR. The first day that I met Moose three years ago, he told me that he wanted Castlewoods to have a strong junior program. His involvement in this program will ensure it. For you parents that don't know him, he brings a wealth of golf knowledge to the table as well as discipline, heart and compassion. You can expect these changes in your teenagers: 1) they'll learn about the rules of golf, 2) they'll work hard on their games, 3) they'll learn about golf etiquette, and 4) in the end, they'll become better golfers and better people for having known Coach Muse.

The 2007 Castlewoods Men's Golf Association has elected to begin the New Year with a Super Bowl 2-man scramble on February 4th. The field is be open to member/member or member/guest teams and shall cost just \$30

per player (\$55 for non-Castlewoods member) plus cart fee. The golf tournament is scheduled for 10 am shotgun with a hamburger lunch and keg beer following play. Entry deadline for the golf tournament is noon on February 2nd and will be limited to the first 44 teams to register. Call 992-1942 today and sign up your team.

If football is not your cup of tea, how about a Valentine's Day Couples Scramble to be held on Sunday, February 11th. Entry fee is just \$50 per team for member/member plus cart fee and will include a hamburger lunch with awards following play. The field shall be open to member/member, member/guest (\$75 entry fee), or guest/ guest teams (\$100 entry fee) and is scheduled for a 1pm shotgun. Just call Scotty and sign up you and your sweetheart today!

The second CMGA event of 2007 will be the Icebreaker 4-man scramble on February 24th with a noon shotgun. The entry fee shall be \$30 per man plus cart fee and will be opened to CMGA members. Wanna play?...that's easy just join the Castlewoods Men's Golf Association and you can get in.

Speaking of the CMGA, the owners and management of Castlewoods would like to thank the CMGA for purchasing an additional 4 acoustic panels to the new banquet/dining room. The CMGA bought 8 of these panels for the room in 2006. Thanks CMGA!

In an effort to cut unnecessary spending, Mike and I

have been asked to make suggestions that can be seen on the bottom line however, not seen on the course nor in the clubhouse. After doing a little due diligence and research, I've come up with this way to save possibly thousands of dollars in electricity, repairs and maintenance. **PAIR UP ON GOLF CARTS!** According to EZ-GO, it cost us an estimated \$5.35 to run a cart 18 holes excluding the lease cost. On any given Saturday, Sunday or even some weekdays, as I ride the course I see around a dozen or so individuals riding in single carts that could have paired up. Of course there are times during peak play that Bill does a good job of patrolling this, but he really shouldn't have to. Let's run some conservative numbers. If we have 20 of these per week and times that say 45 weeks per year and then times that the 3 years we've been opened, it comes up to \$14,445. No small change, but an easy way for us to cut expenses without cutting quality. This doesn't even take into account the additional damage and compaction that the course takes by having these extra carts riding on the fairways. So I guess I'm asking each of you to please make a concerted effort to help me keep your dues down by pairing up on carts before playing. It's an easy way to cut cost and could lead to more fellowship by being close to your riding companion for 4 hours. Thanks in advance for your help with this.

Happy Valentines Day,

Max Maxwell

TURF TALK by Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

January was very wet and miserable for the most part. It seemed like it rained every other day and temperatures were bordering uncomfortable most days. I expect more of the same for February. It is just that time of year. It is a challenging time for us at course maintenance because there are very few days when we can actually get off the cart paths to do anything. None-the less we still have the huge chore ahead of us which is to prepare for the upcoming growing season. We will concentrate on a few areas this month. The big part of our time will be spent tuning up our equipment, planning for summer, ordering materials, and shoring up the irrigation system.

Our equipment is very important to us. We try to take a preventative approach with all our machines. It is much cheaper and more efficient for us to spend a little money and time on our mowers now than it would be to have a unit down in the middle of summer. We will take each unit into the shop one by one and change all fluids. All bearings and seals will be greased and repacked. The blades will be sharpened and all hoses will be inspected for wear. Any components of the machine that need attention will be attended to at this time. On a dry day we will take them out and run them to be sure it is perfect running order.

We will also look over notes from last summer to

see what areas of the course can be improved along with what areas can be altered to help improve the enjoyment of our players. We have a plan to institute more native areas to the course this year. The push for greater environmental awareness has changed the way many people view the golf course. We will enhance our property in a way that will attract wild life that has moved away from here over the past 10 years due to the development in the area. This will allow for our total environment to become more healthy and enjoyable for all.

I personally spend a lot of time with venders. We will drum up a plan for fertility, weed control, and pesticide management for the year. I like to try new things. Some work well and some don't. We will investigate all available technology to make a plan, which will allow us to reach our goals for playability and that, is economically friendly to our cash flow.

Irrigation is our most important tool. With out it we are dead in the water. We are taking some steps to help us in the immediate future as well as investigating options to upgrade our system. It is a long process but proper planning is the foundation for the success of a project of this magnitude.

I am looking forward to a great season, the challenges ahead, and the satisfaction of a job well done by all my staff.

Mike Stupica

FEBRUARY 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 CMGA Super Bowl 2Man-Scramble 10am	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Valentines Couples Scramble	12	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day 	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 CMGA Ice Breaker 4man
25	26	27	28	1 KIDS CHANCE	2	3 CLGA Kick Off
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Castlewoods will be one of the host sites for the **Bullfrog Southern Sectional Tournament** to be held the first weekend in February. Come & watch some of the top junior players in the southern United States! We will be hosting several adult & junior USTA sanctioned tournaments this spring & summer. Reminder, there will not be any courts available for member play on February 3rd & 4th.

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.

ADULT MIXERS will be on February 23rd at 6:30pm. **Please RSVP** on Buck's cell if you plan to attend. Cost is \$15/couple & \$10/individual to cover cost of food and tennis balls. Non-members are invited but must pay the \$5 court fee in addition to the cover.

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

BEGINNER CLASS continues for adults. Call Buck at (601) 397-2825 for details or to register. The cost for the 6 week class is \$60.

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!

BALL MACHINE RENTAL: Available at \$10 per hour. Please call ahead to reserve.

LEAGUE PLAY begins in February so please check in Pro Shop before taking the courts.



CMGA member Bob Landry pounces on that 16 ounces of beef at the dinner.

Country Club SALE

Don't waste your time and money at that other golf sale when you can save **25% on all golf apparel at the club during the month of February.** Cash, credit or debit cards only please.

"OLD" GUYS' GOLF

(Jackson Senior Men's Golf Association -JSMGA):



The JSMGA will be opening its 2007 Membership Drive in February '07. Once again, JSMGA membership is a really "Good" deal for any Castlewoods Senior (50+) who likes "Good" fellowship (JSMGA has over 300 local area members), "Good" competition (Individual & Scramble formats with gross & net prizes), "Good" food (Tournament meals & an End-of-Season Banquet) and a "Good" variety of golf courses (Brookwood, Bay Pointe, Canton, Caroline, Castlewoods, Deer Field, Eagle Ridge, Patrick Farms, Pearl, Refuge & Whisper Lake); Furthermore, you get all this entertainment for a very "Good" price: annual dues ONLY \$10 (includes keeping your JSMGA handicap), Tournament play ONLY \$25 (includes green fee, cart, lunch & prizes) and End-of-Season Banquet ONLY \$7.50 per person (Buffet Dinner @ Colonial CC with Guest Speaker & door prizes). You can join the JSMGA by signing-up on the Bulletin Board in Castlewoods Dining Room (corner by computer) and by paying your annual dues (drop-off payment @ Pro Shop counter - make checks payable to JSMGA). Copies of the JSMGA Tournament schedule will be made available and sign-up sheets will be posted for each event. So, sign-up now for a "Good" time in 2007.

Thank You,

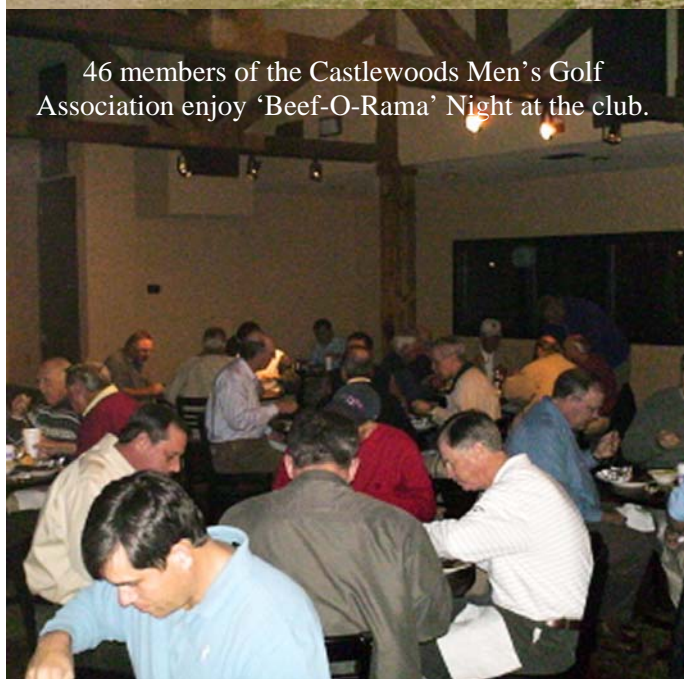
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Coach Muse and the Northwest Rankin Golf Team discuss putting strategies and golf etiquette.



46 members of the Castlewoods Men's Golf Association enjoy 'Beef-O-Rama' Night at the club.

The Bushwacker Member-Guest Golf Tournament

Since the Member-Guest Golf Tournament has had a limited number of teams participate during the last two years, we thought that before we let it die, we would implement some new ideas to see if it can be revived. Ronnie Schmitz has been asked and accepted the position of Tournament Chairman. He's interested in turning it into a matchplay event. We currently have two dates that are being considered....one near the end of June and one near the end of August. Our goal is to turn it into the club's best event of the year. Ronnie is interested in creating a committee of around 5 members to help make it just that. If you are interested in serving or if you have any ideas/comments on how to achieve this goal, please email Ronnie at rschmitz@beccoinc.com or Max at fmaxwell@castlewoodscountryclub.com.

Tips by Johnny Miller

ANGLING THE WRISTS from Johnny Miller's book "Pure Golf"

I recommend that the hands be in front of the ball, but only slightly, mind you; the top of the grip should be level with the front of the ball. This is far enough forward to prevent the right hand from getting "snatchy"; that is, pulling the club back too fast in the take-away. But this is done in a way that keeps the left wrist in the straight anatomical position, so that a slight angle is created in the back of the left wrist. This angle, as you will see later, must remain constant in the backswing for you to arrive in a "square" position at the top.

While we're on the subject, there is another very important angle of the wrists which is apparent when you look at a golfer from the side, in other words, behind the ball looking toward the target. If you study this position, you'll notice that the wrists are slightly arched. This is important because only when the wrists are arched to the hands and arms work in one piece and in the correct plane when the club is drawn back away from the ball.