

# Moose Memo

Hello Summer Time! At last the grass is starting to grow and the course is absolutely beautiful. As we have been saying all along, we are just a short time away from having Castlewoods Country Club back to prime playing conditions. Thanks to Mike and his crew and a little help from Mother Nature, now the fairways are lush, the rough is short, the greens are rolling great, the bunkers are terrific and our course is in fantastic shape once again.

This past Memorial Day, the pool opened with a splash and the tennis courts and pool area are in full swing for the summer. Be sure and take the kids and enjoy cooling off whenever possible. While you are at it, contact Mark Elliott at the tennis center and get your tennis game tuned up for the upcoming tennis leagues or have the staff hook you up with the right teams to play with. The Member/Guest known as The Bushwhacker was held over the same weekend and a great time was had by all who participated. Flight winners included the teams of

Bain & Bain, Zachary & Miley, Tyra & Sinclair and Souther & Burns. The overall winner of the Derby was Chuck Souther and Trent Burns. The participants enjoyed some great food, a great course, great fellowship and lots of prizes. I think that everyone left feeling like a winner even if they didn't make it to the final derby. This past month was very busy with quite a few outings to benefit many charities and organization's customers and thanks to all who supported these avenues for revenue as well as those who may have been inconvenienced from time to time. As most of you already know, we try and limit these outings most of the year and rarely ever allow such events to take place over the weekends. This month we will see some tournament action taking place at Castlewoods. You may want to mark your calendars for the upcoming MGA State Father/Son

Tournament that will be held from June 13th through the 15th. On Monday the 16th, the MS Braves outing will be held at the club. Then on Saturday the 21st the Men's Golf Association will stage the annual Thong-A-Long three man scramble followed on the 24th by the Millsaps College outing. Sign up sheets are located in the Pro Shop for all of the above events, so drop by, sign up and get involved with these organizations.

The Ms Home Furnishers outing which was rained out last month is scheduled to be held on the 26th and that rounds out our June events. In July be sure and mark your calendars for the Club Championship on the 5th and 6th and our biggest event of the year, The Invitational benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation will be staged from the 18th through the 20th of July. Please make arrangements to participate and show your support for these upcoming events as tee times may be limited during these play days for non-participants.

The clubhouse new renovations are now complete with the exceptions of a few minor details and I must say that the clubhouse and grounds look 100% better than before. Thanks to all of you who have shown support and patience during this construction period. The results continue to put Castlewoods as the front runner in private country clubs in the metro area. There is also a few new additions to the staff here at the club and we are currently in the process of filling those positions as soon as possible. As always we at Castlewoods will strive to improve our operations and hope everyone will show the support we need to make these positive changes possible. Speaking of changes, as many of you already know, Ruby will be leaving Castlewoods to work with Brian Brister's new restaurant, Tay's.

We wish Brian much success in his

New venture and Ruby states

"Thank you to each and every member of Castlewoods Country Club, as it has been my pleasure to serve you all for the past 12 years. Many of you, I have seen everyday for that entire time and I will miss that as I move on to my new position. I wish C.C.C., the staff and members only the best in the years to come. Please come see me out at Tay's. Thanks again, Ruby"

We also wish Ruby much success in her new venture. Last month was a busy month for new members and we would like to welcome those who joined during May. Please welcome: Ray Canada, Troy Odom, Charlie Sessums, David Lee, J.R. Giramonti, Robin Wilson, Beau Bishop, Donald Grayson, Ted Allen, Zeb Henson, Wesley Banks, Andrea Kincaid, Kevin Armstrong, Ramsey Marx, Danny Miller, Doug Crawford, Cindy Wallace, Leigh Molen, Anthony Cunningham, Skip King, Mickey Gay, John Dillard and Jody Compton.

As many of you already know, the new venture with WeddingbyMuse is now operational and JeanHee is currently booking events at the club house and surrounding areas. If any of you are thinking about a class reunion, reception, party, wedding or any kind of special event, just give them a call at 601-955-0240 or call the club at 601-992-1942 and speak with Lauren Davis for booking information.

As the warm weather comes to our area, once again we hope all of you will take advantage of your extra time and play more golf. As a reminder the driving range will close at 7:00 pm to allow the cart barn employees enough time to pick the range and get ready for the next day's business. Please try and return your carts before dark and come out and enjoy your course. It is in great shape and I hope to see you soon at the club.

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# TURF TALK by Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

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“Game on” or so we used to say. Summer is here and it is time for the real work to begin. 10 tons of fertilizer went out just in time for the rain last Thursday and boy did it work. The fairways are growing like crazy and the rough is filling in nicely. The Member-Guest tournament was filled with good comments from all the participants and quite honestly I don’t think the course can be in any better shape for this time of year. If you haven’t made it out to the course in the past couple of weeks it has sure changed for the better. We are nearing the end of the transition period on our turf and the major growing season is here. The actively growing turf gives us the opportunity to get a little more aggressive with our management practices. We will start a summer fertility program on the greens as well as cultivate them when necessary. The fairways are beginning to take shape and the growth regulator will be applied, so very soon the perfect lies in the fairways will replace unhealed divots and thin areas which mother-nature claimed over the winter. The bunker drains which were installed over the winter are doing an excellent job. Combine that with new machinery to maintain them and the bunkers are in the best shape we have seen here in quite some time. The advances in course

Maintenance equipment have allowed us to complete our day to day tasks much more efficiently thus giving us more time to get other tasks complete. Bottom line is this season will be our best yet. I am very excited for the outlook on this growing season.

The next tournament for us will be the MGA’s Father/Son. This tournament gives us the opportunity to show off our course to several hundred golfers from all over the state. I am proud of the fact that this course is the one everyone is really here to play. Although the tournament is held at two other fine courses in the area, we seem to get the most attention from the participants. This, I think, is due to the great lay out of the course along with the excellent conditions we provide for our members. Combine the course with the new additions and renovations to the club house area and we are definitely the best place to play in the Jackson area. I hope to see you and your guest on the course very soon.

Turf Tip: Water is the key to a beautiful lawn but how much is enough? I recommend watering your lawn only when needed. When you start to see dry spots in your lawn take the hose and water those spots by hand and then use your irrigation system to water the entire yard early the next morning. Two or three times per week should be just fine.

Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

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## Tennis News

The MS adult league championships will be held June 19-22. Castlewoods will be a host facility during this event. Good luck to Anthony Carpenter, Tony Hancock, Chip Fisher and Gayla Elliott as their teams have advanced to the state championships.

Mixed Doubles Mixer—Friday Night (June 13th)

### Junior News

3 Day Tennis Camp — Tuesday thru Thursday ... with Friday being a make-up day due to rain.  
June 10-12, 24-26 and July 8-10, 22-24, 5-7.

Future Stars—Ages 4-6, Time: 8:30-9:15

Court Stars—Ages 7-12, Time 9:30-11:00

### Upcoming USTA Jr. Tournaments

1. Parham Bridges Quickstart Summer Tournament 6/28...Deadline 6/24..(BG98-10s)
2. Ridgeland Tennis Center Summer Jr. Novice 8/1...BG(8-18’s)sd FMLC  
State Champions 5A Girls Doubles—Susanna Strauss & Britney DeCamp

### Strategy Tip

Tennis has two basic objectives: Hit the ball over the net and hit it inside some lines. When you hit the ball over the net, realize that you have accomplished 50% of your goals! This simple point will help anyone play better tennis in seconds. It is especially true about serving and returning serve. From a serving perspective, one of the worst things you can do is hit your first serve in the net and then hit your second serve in the net as well. You didn’t even give gravity a chance! From a receiving perspective, don’t think you always have to hit great returns to win tennis matches. Just get the ball back consistently, and you always have a chance that your opponent will make an error.

Have a great month and see you on the courts! **Mark Elliott...USPTA...Director of Tennis**

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