

# Moose Memo

Hello Members, It is nice to see how the April showers are bringing out the May flowers. This is my favorite time of the year as all the trees, flowers and grass is just about in full bloom. Each time I look over the course, it seems that our club just gets more and more beautiful. The new construction in and around the clubhouse is just about complete and it looks fantastic. I would like to thank Jean Hee for all her hard work the past few months and she has really created something that all of us can be proud of. I would also like to thank all the employees and members of Castlewoods for their patience and support while the upgrades are being made. Hopefully the renovations will be complete in a couple of weeks and I know we will all enjoy the results for many years to come. I would also like to thank Mike Stupica and his crew for all the hard work they put in cleaning up the course after the storms a few weeks ago. The course is looking great and as always it is a pleasure to play the Bear at this time of the year.

I would also like to thank the membership and all those who attended the member's meeting and forum a few weeks ago. I hope everyone got caught up to date with what is going on at the club and thanks to all who shared their views and suggestions at the meeting. The owners of Castlewoods would like to schedule more of these forums and as suggested, maybe we can get a representative of each group from the club. This way each member should have representation at the forums.

I want to inform everyone at the club that this month we are having a big push to sign up new members. As an incentive and for the month of May, we have decided to allow each new member to join the club with no initiation fee. Now that is a \$1,000 savings over our regular initiation fee but this offer will only last during the

month of May. All new members must sign the normal one year agreement when joining. I have also extended this offer to all of the Castlewoods' homeowners during the month of May in hope that this offer allows everyone who has been thinking about joining the club a chance to come on board and enjoy all the activities we have in store for the future. So if you know of anyone who has an interest, please pass this information along to them.

You will also notice that this month will be very busy at the club. Please look over our calendar of events that are scheduled and plan your golfing around the numerous outings that are scheduled. As is the case each year during this time, many companies and charitable organizations plan their yearly outings during this period. It is also a good time for the club to off set the many expenses of getting the course in shape for the golfing season. If you have a company that may be interested in setting up an event here at the club in the near future, please have them contact me for more information. In addition to several outings this month, I would also like to remind you that the next CMGA event will be on May 10 and is named "Who's Your Crawdaddy." On May the 17th, the CLGA will have their annual member-guest starting at 9:16 AM and at 7:00 PM on the same day the grand opening 70's disco party to benefit the leukemia foundation will be held. As I understand, there are already over twenty restaurants and businesses scheduled to be participating in this event. Advanced tickets are now on sale and they are \$50 per person and \$60 at the door. Free food and beer and lots of prizes will be awarded at the event. There will also be a silent auction in the club and we are expecting some 400 + people to attend the event. For more information or to buy advance tickets you may

Contact WeddingByMuse at 601-955-0240. On May 24th and the 25th of this month, the second annual Bush Wacker member-guest match play event will be held. This member-guest tournament was one of the best events held last year at the club, so look for the entry forms and plan to participate. There is a limited number of spots available to play in this event so sign up early.

One last note for this month, The Northwest Rankin High School Golf Team recently won the district 2-5A tournament held at Castlewoods Country Club. They are now qualified and will play in the state high school golf tournament that will be held on May the 7th and 8th at the Tupelo Country Club. As many of you know, I have been coaching these young men the last two seasons and they continue to mature and become fine young men as well as fine golfers. I would like to take this opportunity and thank all the parents and supporters of the team for their efforts in making all this possible for these young men. I believe that the school and everyone involved can be proud of what they have accomplished this season and here's hoping we play good golf in the upcoming state golf tournament. These young men include: Jason Ryu, Garrett Alford, Weston Wallace, Bobby Bowlin, Kevin Brady, James Winter, Michael Moore, Brad Youngblood,

Brad Blakney, Dylan Murphy, Matt Massingill, Connor Tackett, Lamar Brunson, Eric Peacock and Chase McMullan.

**GOOD LUCK IN THE STATE 5-A HIGH SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT!**

See you at the club soon!

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# TURF TALK by Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

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Through my membership with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America I receive quite a bit of information concerning golf course management. The magazine entitled Golf Course Management is full of articles about everything from types of turf grasses to research conducted by the USGA. Some of the most interesting articles I find are articles superintendents write concerning general course maintenance and their observations of industry changes over the past decade. In an effort to make our club better for the membership as well as help me to do a better job for you, I like to take these experiences mentioned in some of the articles and put them to good use.

The April issue of Golf Course Management had an article from a retired superintendent who now has the opportunity to play golf 100 or more rounds per year on courses all over the North and Southeast. The article concentrated on 4 issues he sees which can potentially ruin a round of golf for the average golfer. They are poorly placed hole locations, rough height, misaligned tee markers and too much irrigation. All of these can be controlled by the

Course maintenance staff. I can see how just these few issues can make your time on the course a headache rather than a relaxing couple of hours outside.

My declaration is this: 1. I am going to re-evaluate the pin placements we use day to day to insure they are not too difficult. 2. The rough mowers will be out full force everyday we can. 3. We will insure proper tee placement through retraining our staff and 4. Although irrigation may be a non-issue for now, we will keep a close eye on that just to be sure. It is my goal to make your time at the course as enjoyable as possible. If there is anything you feel we can do better please contact me at 601-992-1942 or email me at [castlewoodscourt@bellsouth.net](mailto:castlewoodscourt@bellsouth.net) and we will address the problem.

Back by popular demand, Turf Tip of the Month.

As the weather warms it is time to start a summer fertility program for your lawn. Generally we like to push the grass a little now to get it to grow. 13-13-13 is a great spring starter fertilizer. This should be applied at 6 bags per acre and will last you about 4 weeks. Most lawns are less than half an acre so adjust accordingly. Remember water the fertilizer in immediately for optimum effect.

Mike Stupica , Golf Course Superintendent

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## Tennis News

ON April 11, the tennis center was rocked by a serious tornado. In 30 years of playing this sport, I have personally never seen such destruction done to a tennis complex. With six courts here at Castlewoods C. C., only court #3 escaped serious damage. Assuming the courts would be unplayable for week or possibly even months, we (the tennis staff) were beyond impressed when the club ownership had workers out by 8:00 AM the following morning. They worked tirelessly for three straight days reconstructing the damaged fences and wind screens. Not only were the courts repaired, they were repaired so quickly that not even one league match was cancelled because of "our" courts. The tennis staff would like to say thank you to the club ownership for responding in such a quick manner!

### Castlewoods Girls 12-U Team Repeat as City Champs!

Congratulations to our girls tea for going undefeated for the second straight season. They finished with a record of six wins and zero losses. Team members are: Emma Bond, Jordan Barlow, Cady Porter, Jenny Smith, Natalie Connor, Abby Lynch, Ashlyn Jolly, and Regan Clark. Again, thanks to team captain Woody Bond for all the countless hours spent working with this team.

**Court Courtesy** - Here are a few court courtesies that we call "tennis court etiquette". Let's help tennis remain a polite sport that embraces it's tradition as a sport for ladies and gentlemen. **(1) Don't interrupt.** While play is in progress do not intentionally or unintentionally distract or interrupt the concentration of the players on court. This includes loud talking while in the viewing area or on the pathways.. Do not shout out or applaud during a point in play. Do not applaud for errors from the opposing team. (It is considered polite to clap only for winners, never errors). Avoid shouting out when your stray balls enter the neighboring court. (wait until the point ends, then thank them for the return of your ball). Do not cross a court in use by other players. It is courteous to use the entry gate on each individual court. If there is play interruption, let the server start the point over again. "Play 2" is the saying. This includes offering two serves again if the server is interrupted in-between his 1st and 2nd serve.

**(2) Wear Proper Tennis Attire.** No jeans, No running shoes, No shirtless play, No bathing suit tops, sports bras or bare midriffs.

**(3) Be A Polite Winner Or Loser. Memorial Day Round Robin—Contact the tennis center for details. 992-5993**

Have a great month and see you on the courts!

**Mark Elliott USPTA... Director of Tennis, Levi Patton USPTA... Head Pro, Brooks Buffington USPTA... Head Pro**