

# Duke Simmons Wins 2005 'State Open'

**Dethroned Castlewoods Club Champion rebounds to win Mississippi 'State Open'!**

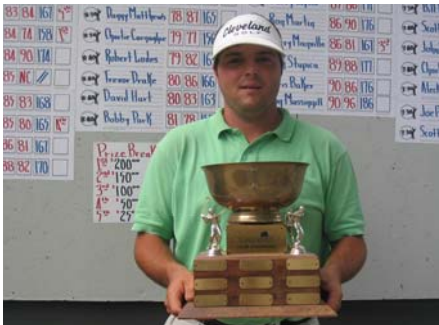


During the time when the LPGA's teenage phenom is an 18 year old named Cremer and not a 15 year old named Wie and Castlewood's Club Champion is named Hand and not Simmons, Duke boomeranged back with a win at the Farm Bureau Invitational. Yes, that's right our former Club Champion Duke Simmons, who over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend was out dueling by both Ken Peacock and Adam Hand, went out two weeks later and won what is commonly known as the 'State Open' held at Dancing Rabbit Golf Club over the weekend of July 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. This tournament is hosted by the Mississippi section of the Gulf States Chapter of the PGA while the field consists of Mississippi's best Pros and Amateurs competing for the 54 hole tournament title. Duke's steady (as always) play of 74-71-73 for a 218 total was good enough to get him into a playoff with Ole Miss junior golf team member Kyle Ellis. A first hole par landed Duke the title and brought home the trophy to Castlewoods. Speaking of playoff wins.....



**Duke Simmons Hands over the title of Castlewood's Club Champion. Peacock comes up short.**

Armed with one of his best shots of the tournament, Adam Hand de-crowned Duke Simmons as Club Champion while also defeating Ken Peacock in a sudden-death playoff win to become the 2005 Castlewoods Club Champion. That shot was a 96 yard L-wedge on the first playoff hole that stuck the flagstick to stop within 5 feet of the hole. Two putts later, after Ken slid his 6 foot putt by the hole, Adam laid claim to the title. After firing a 70 on Saturday's opening round and beginning the final round with a one shot lead over Spencer Drake(71) and Kevin Butts(71), Adam's even par front nine score allowed him a slim two shot lead over Ken Peacock(73 and 35 on the front on Sunday) at the end of 27 holes. But final nine holes provided several chances for several players to mount a charge at Adam. "I knew that these guys weren't gonna let me run away with it." said Adam. "Way too many good players at our club for me to think that!" he continued. And he was right. Beginning with



2005 CLUB CHAMPION

Adam Hand

birdies on 10, 12 and 13, Ben Brister (75 and 37) charged into within three shots of Adam after the 13<sup>th</sup> hole, while Ken picked up a couple bogeys on 10 and 12. But bogeys on 14 and 15 left Ben with a 73 for the day and a 4 over total for a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish. At fifth place was a tie between George Hinman (74-75=149) and Michael Slack (79-70=149), whose 70 was low round on Sunday. Duke (72), who began the day two shots behind Adam, could never get anything going the final day firing a 75 for a 3 over total and a third place finish and narrowly missing the playoff by one shot. "My putter just

wasn't working today." Duke said. After his bogey on 12, Ken parred the final 6 holes which was good enough to tie Adam and force a playoff which gave both Adam and Ken a two-day total of 2 over par 146. The tournament was decided when Adam parred hole number one to defeat Ken. "Beating Ken in a playoff and holding off Duke and the other guys has just got me beaming" Adam continued "I'm thrilled to be Castlewoods Club Champion and please let everyone know that the course is in its best condition ever!" See page 2 for results for other flights.

**Bob and Danna Harper take Castlewoods Couples Tournament Title.**

Bob and Danna Harper of Reunion Golf Club fired a 61-65=126 to capture the Castlewoods Couples Tourney over the weekend of July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Defending Champions Robin and Elsa Foley 65-66=131 and the team of Denny Howell and Deanna Walter 62-69=131 finished tied for second. With fun being the theme for the weekend, participants enjoyed great golf, wonderful food and generous prizes. For more results please see page 3.

**Sign up today for the CMGA's final event of the year!**

The Castlewoods Men's Golf Association will host its last event of the year with the 'Three Men and Some Tater Salad' golf tournament to be held on Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup> with a 8:30 am shotgun. The format for the golf will be a three man scramble.....put together your own team or sign up and the CMGA will pair you with two other players. Places will be awarded in both gross and net divisions and teams will be handicapped by using one third of their team's combined handicap. Lunch will follow play and is included in the entry fee of \$35 plus the cart for Castlewoods members and \$55 plus the cart for non-members. This will be the last inexpensive tournament of the year and a perfect time for you to bring a guest or two out to play our track.

*Max Maxwell*



## TURF TALK by Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

The true Mississippi summer finally showed up the latter half of July. It was hot, it was humid, and in spite of a few showers the week after Independence Day it was down right miserable. We did find a way to get a few things accomplished. The walking bridge donated by Robert Donald is in and it looks great. The lake and surrounding dirt work on holes 10-13 is very close to being complete. The expansion of the driving range tee should be ready for grass shortly and the reconstruction of 8 green surrounds will be under way very soon. We hope to complete these and several other small projects before Labor Day weather permitting.

Green speed and ball roll on putting surfaces are without comparison the hottest topic of conversation at any golf course. But running a close second are the discussions about bunkers. I, like most superintendents I have spoken with, am of the opinion that bunkers are hazards. Good or bad you get what you get on any given day. After all that is what they were designed for in the beginning. In saying that I risk life and limb from owners, golfers, and homeowners alike. In recent years bunkers have become a

vital part of the over all aesthetics of the golf course. I agree there is nothing worse than a poorly maintained bunker in a high profile area. (I.e. the bunker to the right of number 5.)

Owners demand outrageous numbers of bunkers because they look good to the guy who may buy the lot behind the 5<sup>th</sup> green. They leave it to the architect to strategically place the bunkers to catch as many errant balls as possible. The construction companies love them because they can charge out the wazoo for their construction. After all the lots are sold, the architects have their checks, and the construction company is long gone, the only thing left is the superintendent. Can you say MII-GRAINE?

Lets put the numbers to it. One of the quickest ways to up a golf course construction bill is to add bunkers. Most owners see the added expense and decide not to cut the number of bunkers but to cut the construction cost of each bunker. This leads to improper drainage and the higher likelihood of contamination, which will reduce the life span of the bunker significantly. Most good golf courses spend around 25%

of their annual labor budget maintaining bunkers (Golf Course Maintenance July 2005). This does not include the cost of materials needed for upkeep. In our case this relates to 25% of the budget for .025% of total acreage maintained. WOW.

All that being said I do agree we have a lot of work to do in some of the bunkers. This work will come in time. At this time the course is about 30% of where the owners and I envision it will be in the coming years. We all look forward to the day when it will be just right. With your suggestions, our hard work, and the continued support of the ownership we will achieve our goals.

One note to many of our members; with temperatures soaring close to 100 degrees I expect play during the middle of the day to decline and late afternoon rounds to increase. Unfortunately this time of year the water demand on the course increases dramatically. It takes about 14 hours to water the course properly. We typically start watering at 7:00pm in hopes to be finished by morning. Beware of the water after 7 pm; I hope we don't get any one wet.

### 2005 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS:

#### Championship Flight "A":

- 1<sup>st</sup> Adam Hand (70-76=146)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Peacock (73-73=146)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Duke Simmons (72-75=147)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Ben Brister (75-73=148)
- 5<sup>th</sup> George Hinman (74-75=149)

#### Championship Flight "B":

- 1<sup>st</sup> Michael Slack (79-70=149)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dees Hinton (78-74=152)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jason Ryu (79-73=152)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Matt Dowdy (80-76=156)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Gary Hand (78-80=158)

#### Championship Flight "C":

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mike Gregory (84-74=158)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> John Oxley (82-81=163)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Derrel Palmer (82-82=164)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Travis Naccarato(85-80=165)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Tom Schisler (83-84=167)

#### First Flight:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Joe Lane (75-73=148)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Willie Kinard (74-76=150)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Matt Garrity (74-77=151)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Charlie Carnaghie (79-77=156)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Bobby Park (81-78=159)

#### Second Flight:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gary McFarland (82-82=164)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Smith (83-83=166)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Larry Manville (86-81=167)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Travis Taylor (83-84=167)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Bob Landry (82-85=167)

#### Third Flight:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Buddy Matthews (91-82=173)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> David Fiveash (91-84=175)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Brian Hall (91-84=175)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bill Brintnall (91-85=176)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Don Wimberly (91-92=183)

**CASTLEWOODS COUNTRY CLUB**

**COUPLES**

**TOURNAMENT RESULTS:**

**CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Bob & Danna Harper 61-65 = 126
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Robin & Elsa Foley 65-66 = 131
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Denny Howell & Deanna Walter  
62 - 69 = 131

**FIRST FLIGHT:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Sam & Carrie Jones 68-67 = 135
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Lee & Nancy West 69-68 = 137
- 3<sup>rd</sup> -George & Carolyn Butts 69-68 = 137
- 4th—Tom Schisler & Hidie Blackburn  
69-68=137

**SECOND FLIGHT:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>—Brian & Debbie Norris 73—68 = 141
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Guy & Pauline Bailey 73-71 = 144
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Ken & Sharon Shelton 73-71 = 144
- 4th - Bill Brintnall & Debbie Wolf  
74-71 = 145

**THIRD FLIGHT:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Bill & Donna Singletary 75-72 = 147
- 2<sup>nd</sup> -Carl & Margaret Carver 75-73 = 148
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Bert & Shirley Haydel 75-75 = 150
- 4th - Jessie & Sharon McGee 77-76=153

CMGA “Thong-A-Long” SNAPSHOTS



Mike Brinson & Bob Rupnik enjoy being poolside with their favorite gals—Shirley Rupnik & Jeanne Brinson.

Grillmasters Michael Slack & Ken Peacock have fun slipping Duke Simmons’ thong model a dollar bill.



Folks gather around the “Good Stuff” - grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, Teri’s tator salad & cake.



(L-R) Melissa Hall, Susie Schisler, Hidie Blackburn & partner Tom Schisler enjoy the Buffet Dinner at the Couples Tournament.

Vandalism and unauthorized use of the golf course is a constant problem at our club. Please help us control this problem by calling the golf shop at 992-1942 and reporting any abuse that you notice. Remember to register in the golf shop before playing. All guests are required to pay a guest fee before playing. Carts are required to return to the cart paths at the orange lines painted in front of the greens and remain on the paths beyond the next tee. Practicing is only allowed in designated areas and not on the course. Please help us enforce these rules so that we are able to continue to maintain your course in top condition, avoid having to initiate fines for such abuse, and continue to operate at our current dues levels.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

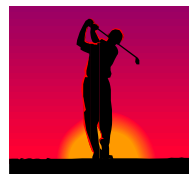
August 3rd, Wednesday  
 August 5th, Friday  
 August 6th, Saturday  
 August 7th, Sunday  
 August 12th, Friday  
 August 20th, Saturday  
 August 26th, Friday

Private Pool Party 6-9pm  
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 Juniors, Seniors & Ladies'  
**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
 Dallas Rehearsal Dinner  
 CMGA 3 Men & Some Tator Salad  
 Woodard Rehearsal Dinner

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

**DIRECTORY:**

ACCOUNTING—Joyce Gray 992-5334  
 EVENTS/MEMBERSHIP—Melissa Hall 992-5334  
 FOOD & BEVERAGE—Ruby Miller 992-5337  
 Geri Norris  
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 PRO SHOP—Bill Trout, Pat Stephens 992-1942  
 Jim Weems  
 SUPERINTENDENT—Mike Stupica 992-1937  
 TEACHING PROFESSIONAL — Jay Jordan 992-1942  
 TENNIS CENTER—Buck Boyd 992-5993



**Pool & Tennis NEWS**



**HOURS OF OPERATION for POOL:**

All Swim (Tues./Thurs.) 10am—8pm  
 All Swim (Wed./Fri.) 10am—7pm  
 All Swim (Sat./Sun.) 10am—6pm  
 Adult Swim -18+ Wed & Fri 6pm-9pm

Please refer to **Pool Rules** posted on site.

\$5 Guest Fee for Non-Members.

\* Closed on Mondays & early evenings for occasional pool parties.

**Ball machine rental** is available at \$10/hr.

**Fall Women's Doubles League**—those interested in joining, please call Buck at 992-5993 for more information. We will have all levels of play.

**Tips from the Golf Pro by Jay Jordan**

“When It’s Breezy, Swing Easy” is one of those golf sayings that has a simple but emphatic message: play within oneself in windy weather.

But this is not easy to do, particularly when the wind is against you. Every human instinct pleads for you to swing harder, but this response only courts disaster. Harder swings produce more chance for error, and errors made into wind are severely compounded. Attempting to hit harder usually results in: 1) an early hit with the back hand at a steep approach angle causing more than normal backspin and a high (rather than low) shot, 2) too much tension in the back side of the body inhibiting release and producing a push-slice (disaster when played into a strong wind). So, rule number one is: Instead of trying to hit harder and farther into the wind, learn to swing with normal effort, or even shorten the grip and swing more conservatively!

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