

Moose Memo

September is already here and now Football is in the air. As with the new season we can always count on cooler weather and golf without oppressive heat indexes is a welcome relief. The course looks as good today as it has ever been for this time of the year so now is the time to bring out your friends and enjoy Castlewoods at its finest. We are hoping for a little rain as it has been either feast or famine with the rain thus far this season. We went 55 days with no rain, then 8 days of rain in a row and as I write this letter, we are now in the 35th day in a row with no measurable rain. Still Mike and his crew have done a great job in presenting one of the finest conditioned courses in the state for all our members and their guests to enjoy. Why not take the time and set up your next tee time for the upcoming weeks and remember we are still allowing new memberships at Castlewoods with the reduced initiation fee for this month. Tell a friend or colleague about the great value and let's bring our membership numbers up this month.

This month we are also reducing prices on all our shoes, clubs, golf bags and other merchandise for immediate stock reduction. This would be a good time to buy that Christmas present or just treat yourself to a special treat while the prices are reduced to make room for the Fall shipments that will be coming in soon. We have priced our shop so that no retailer in town can compete with our sales prices so please take advantage of this sale today.

We would also like to thank everyone who participated in The Bushwacker tournament the weekend of the 19th. This member/guest event turned out to be one of the best tournaments ever held at Castlewoods. The match play format was a lot of fun and very competitive with everyone taking advantage of their handicaps right to the end.

The overall champions were Chris Berry and his guest Roscoe Green who outlasted Larry Bain and his son on the fourth extra hole in the derby. The food, prizes, format and fellowship was great and everyone enjoyed the course and organization of the event. A special thanks goes out to Ronnie Schmitz and his helpers in putting on this tournament. Ronnie had every detail covered from the practice rounds, skills challenge, dinner, matches, flights and final derby format well planned and executed until the last shot was made. Great job and thanks goes out to Ken Peacock, John Oxley, Duke Simmons, Bob Rupnik, Gary Hand, Adam Hand and everyone else who helped out with this tournament.

On August the 12th, Castlewoods Country Club crowned a new club champion in Ken Peacock. The annual tournament always seems to bring out the best we have to offer to play the course in the toughest conditions and strongest fields available. This year was no exception as Ken played solid golf both days and ended up beating Chris Berry by one shot for the crown of Castlewoods Club Champion. Congratulations Ken on a great tournament. Coming in third and fourth were George Hinman and Adam Hand respectively. For complete results on the club championship and the Bushwacker, please see page four of this news letter.

As Labor day approaches, here is a reminder that the pool will close for the season on September 4, 2007. You will also notice that the tennis center is busting wide open with play in both the day and evenings. I can even inform everyone that about a dozen Fun Group golfers are even playing in league play this year. If you have the chance to check this out, be sure and bring your video cameras, you might just win the prize for America's Funniest Home Videos.

Strange how these two sports have very little similarity with each other but as always a good time is the main goal for this group.

If you are interested in getting into some type of league play or getting back into the swing of tennis, be sure and call Mark and Gayla at the tennis center and get started. For more information concerning the tennis center, please see page three of this letter.

I wanted to tell everyone about a couple of our junior golfers at the club making some noise this summer. Kevin Brady and James Winter made the Mississippi Junior Cup team this year. Kevin and James will play in the cup matches at Greenwood Country Club on October 6 and 7. James will be on the Palmer team and Kevin will be on the Nicklaus team. Both Kevin and James have also qualified to play in the BankPlus/Edwin Watts Junior Pro-Am at the Viking Classic at Annandale on September 24. They will be paired with other junior players and be assigned a pro to compete in a 9-hole match. For more info go to: www.missgolf.org

Finally this month I would like to say how excited we at CCC are with the progress of the course renovation projects thus far this summer. The bunkers continue to improve each week and we are close to finishing the project of adding the new tee boxes on hole # 14. The new sod will be laid before the growing season stops and by the end of the year we will all be enjoying a different view from the tee boxes way back there. We may have to change the handicap of that hole when our new scorecards are completed next year. Don't forget to come out and enjoy this cooler weather. See you at the club soon. Moose

TURF TALK by Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent


It sure is **rough** out there. That seems to be the topic of choice for most of the members who play golf in August. It may seem to most that in August the course maintenance crew goes on vacation to cooler climates but in actuality we work harder this time of year than in any other time. We mow grass everyday and can never get caught up. I wonder why? Let's think out loud for a minute.

In past news letters I have discussed the advantages of Bermuda grass in our region. These advantages play against us from July 15th until around Labor Day for one main reason. Optimum growing conditions. The aggressive growth habit we talked about in the past is at its peak during this period. The rule of thumb in our business states if the day time high and the night time low add up to 150 degrees or higher warm season grasses are growing at their peak. Combine this with long daylight hours and you get super rough. So what can we do to combat it? Honestly not a lot. We try to mow as much as we can and stop fertilizing problem areas and even reduce irrigation to help relieve some of the pressure. Shortly after Labor Day the night time temperatures and the daylight hours will decrease and the plant will go into pre-dormancy mode. It will stop aggressively growing and conserve energy for the winter. I guess what I am saying is as much as nature can hinder our progress it will also be our best ally in the weeks to come.

Congratulations to Ken Peacock for winning the


club championship in August. Not only did he display the talent needed to win he used a little of his noodle as well. With course conditions being the way they were, we on the tournament committee knew it would take something other than bombing the driver and hitting wedge on every hole to win this year. The rough forced the players to think about every shot and take advantage of what the course was giving away. It also forced everyone to take a little medicine at times. Funny how medal play will do that.

The Bushwacker Member-Guest was a great success. The format was great, the food was great, and the fellowship was incredible. Chris Berry and his partner Roscoe Greene outlasted the field and pulled it off. Good Job. I know the club is looking forward to next year when we can bring this tournament back and make it even better. Mark this one on your calendar.

HOLE IN ONE 

Clay Overby made a hole-in-one on the par 177 Hole #4 at Castlewoods Country Club on August 8, 2007 using an 8 iron. Witnesses included: George Hinman, Brian Brister & Spencer Drake.

Congratulations Clay!





SEPTEMBER 2007



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 Tennis Mixer 9am Round Robin	4 Pool Closed for the Season	5	6	7	8 Private Party 7pm
9	10	11 JMSGGA Interclub 8am shotgun	12	13	14	15 Waggoner/ Ruppert WR 7pm
16	17	18 MS Young Bankers	19	20 Yates Con- struction Outing	21	22 WR
23	24	25 JMSGGA Inter- club 8am shotgun	26	27	28	29
30	1 October	2	3	4	5	6 Ladies Club Championship - Skinner WR

Pool & Tennis NEWS



Thanks to all who participated in the Labor Day Mixer.. The event was a great success. Everyone was treated to a full morning of round robin tennis, a fast serve contest, and music by DJ mark Elliott.

TIP OF THE MONTH:

To become a great player, you must learn to control your negative emotions. When things turn against you don't panic, become angry or upset. Rather, become challenged & inspired to turn things around & to break through the crisis. This is the most important step you can take toward becoming a mentally tough competitor.

The USTA Adult Combo leagues are in full swing now. CCC has eight "home" teams participating with: Robin Ball, Hope Elkins, Mary Nell Anderson and Judy Hearn being the captains for their respective ladies teams. The men have three home teams captained by: Anthony Carpenter, Jeff Zachary and Mark Elliott. Also the club is home for Ladies JLTA captains Alese Jones and Judy Barclay. Good luck to each of the teams participating!

Court Reservation Reminder

Courts may be reserved no more than 5 days in advance.

Reservations are for 1:30 time slots beginning at 9:00 AM and the last court time is at 7:30 PM (Tuesday – Thursday).

Friday & Saturday time slots are from 9:00 AM through 4:30 PM.

Sunday reservations begin at 12:00 PM and end at 4:40 PM.

Afternoon hours will be busy, so don't forget to call and make your reservation.

The deadline for Saturday morning **Intra-Club** tennis matches is Saturday, Sept. 8th.

Stringing is available and a new shipment of Prince Demos have arrived at the shop.

TENNIS LESSON RATES are as follows:

1/2 hour	\$24
1 hour	\$45
1 hour Semi-Private	\$26 per person
1 hour Group of 3 or more	\$60.00
1 1/2 hours Group of 3 or more	\$90

Improve your game by calling 601-992-5993 today!



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COMBO DOUBLES

Nights Of Play:

Monday—5.5 W, 5.5 M, 8.5 W & 9.5 M

Tuesday—7.5 W & 7.5 M

Wednesday—5.0 W, 5.0 M & 6.5 M

Thursday—6.5 W & 8.5 M



Fall Junior Programs Pee Wees – An awesome group just for the little ones that includes tons of fun hand-eye skills and tennis related games!!! A great introduction to the game of tennis. **Ages 4-6 (no 3's please).**

Starting week of September 11, 2007 – 6 week session.

Wednesday from 4:00 to 4:45 PM.. Cost is \$60.00 per child for CCC members. Add an additional \$10.00 for non CCC members

Court Stars – Great fun for the youngster just starting to play and get a grasp for the game emphasizing solid basic fundamentals needed for a good foundation to build their game.

Ages 7 – 12. Starting week of September 11, 2007 – 6 week session.

Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00 – 5:00PM.

Cost is \$130.00 per child for CCC members. Add an additional \$15.00 for non CCC members.

Please sign up in the Castlewoods Tennis Pro Shop. We require full payment at the time of registration. Refunded only if you cancel at least 48 hours prior to the clinic beginning.

In case of rain, extra days will be scheduled at the end of the 6 week session.

DIRECTORY:

EVENTS/MEMBERSHIP/ACCOUNTING—
Joyce Gray 992-5334
FOOD & BEVERAGE—Ruby Miller 992-5337
Geri Norris
GENERAL MANAGER— Cecil Muse 992-1942
PRO SHOP—Bill Brintnall, Tyler Berry 992-1942
Jim Weems & Ritza Parent
SUPERINTENDENT—Mike Stupica 992-1937
TENNIS CENTER—Mark Elliott 992-5993

**The Bushwhacker
Member/Guest Results**



Flight Winners:

Augusta Flight	Berry/Green
Pebble Beach Flight	McKay/McKay
Bethpage Flight	Brister/ Ramsey
Pinehurst Flight	Hinton/Pate
Oakmont Flight	Muse/Kang
Sawgrass Flight	Bain/Bain
St. Andrews Flight	Heimer/Roby

Overall Winners

Chris Berry & Roscoe Green

2nd Place Overall

Larry Bain & Larry Bain Jr.

Men's Club Championship

RESULTS:

Championship Flight – A

Ken Peacock	72-77-149
Chris Berry	78-72-150
George Hinman	74-77-151

Championship Flight – B

Michael Slack	80-74-154
Denny Howell	80-76-156
Jason Ryu	82-76-158

Championship Flight – C

Travis Naccarato	83-79-162
Bob Rupnik	84-80-164
Robert Donald	88-80-168

First Flight

Ryan Fiveash	82-81-163
Kevin Webb	82-82-164
Buddy Matthews	89-78-167

Second Flight

Bob Lodes	92-81-173
David Hart	91-83-174
R. Davis	94-81-175

Third Flight

B. Robinson	95-83-178
Walter Kitchens	97-84-181
Scotty Tapscott	94-88-182

Special Thanks to Ronnie Schmitz for all the work in organizing this great event. See you next year!