

# Moose Memo

Can you believe it is already June and with all the rain we have had this past month, the grass is growing like crazy. We are all out in full force cutting, blowing, trimming and edging the course and there appears to be no end in sight. One good thing is that we are so far ahead of our rain table this year, it is sure to be green and lush for the near future and that means terrific fairways and great greens to putt on. We opened the pool on Memorial Day weekend, so be sure and take advantage of the pool membership and while you are out there, why not play a little tennis or take a lesson from one of our fantastic tennis pros at the tennis club. Just call for an appointment or to reserve a court at 601-992-5993. The high school golf team just recently finished up the season by shooting 302-300 at The Reunion Country Club in the state 5-A golf tournament and came in second place behind defending champion Tupelo. I must say that the team played great and fired our two best rounds of the year only to get edged out by a stellar 292 shot on the final day from Tupelo. Castlewoods' own Kevin Brady won medalist honors for the tournament by beating two other players in a sudden death playoff with a birdie and par on the extra holes. The three finalists all shot one over par for the two days. Congratulations to both the NWR team and Kevin for some great golf. Last month was a busy month with several one day outings at the club. This month we slow down a little except for a few Men's Golf Association events and the beginning of the tournament season. On the 19th through the 21st of this month we will host the State Father/Son Tournament here at the club. The Club Championship will follow shortly after that on the 4th and 5th of July so make plans to participate in these great events if possible. The Invitational or as most people know it as, The Make-A-Wish will be held this year from August 7th through August 9th.

If you have not been attending the regular Happy Hour on each Friday from 5PM through 7PM, you have really been missing a great time. It seems that each and every Happy Hour we are lucky to have a great turn out and the suppers cooked by Chef Keith have been fantastic. Each and every Friday, our chef creates two or three different entrees to choose from and everyone who has attended can testify that we have a great chef in Keith. I hope to see you there this Friday and if you have not yet been able to come, why not treat yourself and your spouse to a great meal and good fellowship at Castlewoods County Club. June is also the month we normally see lots of receptions, weddings and meetings. If you are planning on having any type of event in the near future, just call the office and speak to JeanHee about your next event. This past month we have also had several new members joining and we would like to take a moment and welcome all the new members of late. They include: Carl Jenson, Lee Flaherty, Bruce Detotto, Derrick Boland, Michael Bowering, Bernard Richards, Loren McCon, Sammy Bryant, Ryan McGuffee, Larry Smith, Stephen Berryman, Mark Stucky, Kristi McCluskey, Buddy Kuhn, Sam Martin, Cindy Herron, Ann Speedling, Daniel Murphy, Rosalyn Martin, Allyson Kirkwood, Chad Steward, Cherrie Winter, Leigh McKnight, Wayne McFarland, Terri Deloach, Terri Morehead and Leonard Sanford. Please say hello to all these fine people the next time you see them and welcome them into the Castlewoods Family. I would also like to take a moment and thank the senior members who have helped around the course and clubhouse this year. A special thank you also goes out to Don Wimberly and Kirby Fight for building that beautiful portable bar for the clubhouse. We will use it often and I hope to see you soon on the course. Moose

## JAY'S CORNER

### GOLF TIP OF THE MONTH

#### Physical Training For Golf

Playing golf is a physical athletic skill requiring strength, flexibility, neuromuscular coordination and, to a certain degree, cardiovascular and muscular endurance. Players with low levels of muscular strength and a limited range of motion will be severely hampered in their ability to swing, and potential to score. The golf swing is a mechanical performance. But if the machine (the body) performing the action is underpowered, has poor stability and parts that don't function, the result will be neither efficient nor consistent. Gradually, golfers are coming to realize that better maintenance of their bodies will produce better results on their scorecards. How fit does one have to be to play golf well? More so than one would think. Physical deterioration or general lack of conditioning is the number one factor that causes the regular playing adult handicap to go up. If a player's handicap was at one time lower than it is now and he is still playing with the same frequency, look first to body condition for the answer. Loss of strength and flexibility will alter technique. When hands and forearms lose strength or suppleness, and the straight ball turns into a slice, a player automatically starts to make adjustments in aim, grip and swing path. What he might better have checked is the conditioning of his or her body.

#### Upcoming Events

June 9th-12th - Junior Golf Camp  
Ages 6-15. 9:00-2:00 each day

July 7th-10th - Junior Golf Camp  
Ages 6-15. 9:00-2:00 each day

July 25th & 26th - Couples Tournament-1:30 shotgun on Saturday and 8:00 shotgun for regular play. 8:00 AM shotgun on Sunday-  
Regular play will start @ 12:30.

July 28th-31st - Junior Golf Camp -  
Ages 6-15, 9:00-2:00 each day.

Please call the pro shop to sign up.  
See you on the course,

Jay Jordan, Head Golf Professional

## TURF TALK by Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

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Most of you have probably noticed we aerified the greens the last week in May. I am sure you all had several choice words for me as you made it around the course. I can assure you, me and every other course superintendent that I know, dread the days when it is time to aerify. It is a very uncomfortable feeling in my gut knowing that I have ordered the destruction of something that, seemingly on the surface looks and plays perfect, but the fact is if there is perfection to be achieved, aerification is the only way to reach that goal. We have over the years chronicled the necessity for cultural practices such as this so I won't go into that much. I will say over the past several years pesticide and fertility regulations have become so severe that the world of golf is moving in a direction toward more frequent cultural practices to not only be in compliance with regulations but to be better environmental stewards. The fact still remains we are trying to make a plant do something it does not want to do, so any advantage we can give the plant is a

Plus in the long term. All that being said, what is next on the list. Aside from the constant hum of mowers, we will address the sink hole issues. Now that the seasonal help is here, we can afford some time to take care of these conditions which are caused by the very ancient drainage system under the fairways and roughs. Most of the pipe under our course was installed 20 or more years ago. It has become a maintenance issue that must be addressed. We will be working on these sink holes and addressing the ruts and pot holes along and next to the cart paths. There seems to be quite a few of these around the course and of course the cause of this is not staying on the path when the ground is moist. Sometimes we just want to pass another cart to be the front runner for no apparent reason. The results often cause those ruts next to the path and over time, they become bigger and deeper. Please stay on the cart path as much as you can and observe the 90 degree rule instead of driving straight down the fairways. You will notice a big improvement in the turf and ruts if we just pay a little more attention to this simple practice, plus the course will be better for everyone.  
Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

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### Castlewoods Tennis News

#### “Southern Rookie Pro Of The Year” - Levi Patton

On May 16th, Levi Patton was awarded the “Southern Rookie Pro of the Year” in Atlanta, Georgia. The award was given by the United States Professional Tennis Association to the top rookie in the entire Southern region. Considering that the Southern section is composed of nine states and is the largest of any section nationwide, this is quite a feat! Congratulations Levi!!!!

#### Tournament & League Updates

Congratulations to the following Castlewoods teams for placing first in their divisions in the local Jackson spring league! Girls 12U - City Champions (Alice Taylor - Team Mom) Men's 3.5 -Division Champions (Greg Hamilton - Captain)  
Men's 4.5 -Division Champions (Brooks Buffington-Captain)  
Senior Ladies 3.5-Division & State Champions (Reveland Wheat-Captain) In early May, Reveland's team claimed the state title in Columbus and they will now represent Mississippi in the sectional tournament to be played in Birmingham, Alabama. Congratulations and best of luck to the teams playing in the state tournament in June!

#### Tennis Tip Of The Month - “Being True To Your Doubles Partner”

In doubles, the player closest to the ball makes the call during a point. When the ball is served, the returner's partner makes the call. When one or the other player isn't clearly closer to the ball, the important thing is consensus. If the partners disagree about a call, they should concede the point to their opponents. When your doubles partner makes a call, accept his or her judgement and back up your partner if the other team challenges the call. However, if your partner does make a bad call, you can reverse it. Do this tactfully, turning to your partner first, saying something like, “I'm sure the ball was good. We have to give them the point.” Then tell your opponents the news. Just say, “Sorry, I had a better vantage point. It's your point.”

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