

# Moose Memo

Hello Fall, some of us thought you might never come. Beautiful weather and the changing colors are making the course look more and more inviting these days. I just could not resist the other day and when I played the course, I must admit, I have never seen it so beautiful at this time of the year before. I even made a few birdies and didn't even break a sweat. Now is one of the best times of the year to play golf. I know that many of you have football, hunting and other things on your mind but don't forget to come out and enjoy your club this month. While you are at it, bring a guest and show off the course.

I promise they will enjoy the outing as much as you will. So get off the couch and come out, you can always video that game and watch it later.

As I had mentioned last month, we have finished interviewing for the head golf professional position. While we are still in the process of the finalization of his contract I just have to say that we are very excited and looking forward to this new addition to Castlewoods Country Club. I am in hopes that we can move along with our negotiations and hopefully soon we will be able to introduce our newest addition to our club. Look out in the news and pro shop for upcoming announcements concerning this.

Even with all the rain and nasty weather, last month was fairly busy at Castlewoods. I would like to take a moment and congratulate our new senior club champion, Bob Rupnik and new super senior club champion Charley Carnaghie. Bob used a two day total of even par to edge out the defending club champion, George Hinman by a couple of shots. It was close right to the end but Bob closed out the competition with a birdie on the final hole. Coming in third place was John Rippy. Thanks to all who played and congratulations to the winners and fellow competitors.

The season ending Men's Golf Association event, "The Trout," was also contested this past month and the winner and season long leader was Jim Weems. It seems that over the season Jim built a large lead by playing well in almost every event and when he played well in the final event, there was no catching Jim. Congratulations on your victory Jim, You are the Man!

Finishing out the year the top ten players were: 1. Jim Weems, 2. Ken Peacock, 3. Larry Bain, 4. Duke Simmons, 5. George Butts, 6. Mark Holland, 7. Bill Britnall, 8. Chris Baker, 9. Charles Cannon and 10.

Dick Stupica. Great playing to the above and thanks to the MGA for a fun and competitive schedule. We look forward to next year's schedule and more participation from the MGA. A special thanks goes out to Ken Peacock, Duke Simmons and all those who organized and set up the events. I understand that Ken has asked for someone to step in to head up next year's schedule, so if you are game, please call Ken or Duke and I am sure they can hook you up.

The Taste the International event that was held on last Saturday proved to be a great introduction to many of the chefs and restaurants in the area. I cannot remember ever having so much good food to eat at one place. Of course those who attended were the big winners but a lot of exposure was given to the restaurants and chefs who displayed their art and food. Special thanks to the chefs and restaurants which included: Brian Brister of Tay's BBQ, Aladdin's, Fernando's, Luna Negara, Ruchi's, Cerami's, Monte's, Elsa Foley, Bop's, and WeddingbyMuse who supplied the chefs for five cuisines. With the upcoming holidays just around the corner, please keep Castlewoods Country Club in mind when planning your next event. For questions or

Information concerning your next event, just give Jeanhee a call at the club. The special events calendar is already filling up for the end of the year as well as for 2009, so don't delay and reserve the club house and area for your next event.

Speaking of upcoming events, there are several scheduled for the month of October. These include the KCS Railroad outing on the 7th, the MS Truckers Association outing on the 8th, the Wesley Scarbrough benefit on the 10th, the Rayethon outing on the 21st, and the WBM Halloween Party on the 31st. There are several other evening events scheduled this month and we hope you can participate in some of these. We would also like to take a moment to introduce our newest members at Castlewoods Country Club. Welcome Tina Sorey, Reggie Puckett and Joey Bonargo.

I would also like to thank Mike and his crew as well as everyone else who helped this past week to get the North nine burn pile taken care of. We appreciate your efforts and now the area looks much better. As the fall weather is now upon us, please don't forget to continue to fill in your divots and repair your ball marks on the greens. This is the time when the grass starts its dormancy and these areas take a little longer to heal so any help with these duties is greatly appreciated and very noticeable for the upcoming months ahead. Please also remember to rake the bunkers after you have played your shot and the next player will appreciate your efforts. One last note for this letter, as a couple of members have requested that we publish a calendar of the events scheduled each month. We plan on adding this calendar with the next news letter but if you want to see what's happening at the club, just go to our website at

[www.castlewoodscountryclub.com](http://www.castlewoodscountryclub.com) and view the calendar. I hope to see you soon on the course.

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## TURF TALK by Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

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In the wake of extraordinary rain fall amounts in August and early September the course is in the best shape we have seen in several years going into fall. The grass is so green and plush that a late afternoon round will make you believe you are anywhere but home. The soil moisture in the fairways is allowing for crisp, clean divots and it truly is a pleasure to play. This is a great time to be a member at Castlewoods Country Club. Although typically you won't find too many new members joining a golf club going into winter, I think this is the best time to join. Perfect weather, great course conditions, and a bright outlook for the club in the coming year make it a perfect time to sign up some of your friends. You asked for a club you can be proud to bring your friends to visit and here it is. Help us make this club the best, most enjoyable place to spend your free time. Show off to your friends what Castlewood's is all about.

Okay enough of the pitch, let's get down to some of the good stuff. After a long summer of looking at some projects that need attention it is time to prioritize and get moving on some of them. Our first order of business

Will be to continue some major bunker work. In the coming weeks we plan to finish the renovation of the green side bunker on # 8 and then move to # 9 fairway and green side bunkers. Although the final look of these bunkers has not been decided there is the need for reconstruction and possible elimination of some of these bunkers. If time allows before the winter rains # 13 will be next. Again, the final look of the bunkers has not been decided, but total reconstruction of bunker faces and lips will be addressed.

Along with the bunker renovations, cart paths and the edges of the cart paths will be addressed. Some holes along the cart paths will rattle your teeth if you venture to the side. We will be filling the holes and replacing the grass in some areas and will also install rock curbs in places as well. More tree pruning will be done. It seemed like last year we cut all the limbs off the trees around the course but in reality it was only a drop in the bucket compared to what needs to be done. We are looking forward to a productive off season to prepare for next year. And speaking of next year there are several events on the books already and if things progress as they have over the past several months, I think 2009 will be the break out year for our club.

Mike Stupica, Course Superintendent

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### Tennis News

**Mixed Doubles News** — The state mixed doubles championships were held in Meridian last month and Castlewoods was well represented in the 6.0 division and the 9.0 division. Dan and Christy Bennett's 6.0 team dominated their competition in the Jackson local league and were one victory away from reaching the championship round in Meridian. In the 9.0 division, Matt Rupert's team also won the local Jackson league and his team was also only one match from winning the entire state tournament. They finished the tournament tied in first place and were edged out by Gulfport in the tiebreak system. Gretchen Ware was named team MVP for pulling off a big upset against the #1 team from Hattiesburg.

**Junior News** — In junior tournaments, Cady Porter and Shelby McCorkle both had great tournament results in September. Cady (age 13) played up in the girls 16-U in the Ridgeland Tennis Center Fall Classic and placed 2nd. While Shelby won two tournaments in the boys 14-U, winning at Ridgeland Tennis Center and also at Cascades. Congratulations to both of them. All of their on-court training is paying off. Keep up the good work!

Thursday's will be busy the next six weeks, with three junior teams competing out of the club. Team coaches Woody & Cherry Bond, and Chip Fisher have been tirelessly devoting much of their time to helping develop two teams that will compete in the BG-18U divisions for the first time and also the returning city champions in the girls 12-U division. Good luck to the three teams and much thanks to our great parents who support their juniors and the Castlewoods programs!

**Upcoming Tournaments** — Oct. 10—M&F Bank Hardcourt Open—Bridges Tennis Center, MW(op)sd, fmlc. Entries close 10/7

Oct. 17 — Reunion Fall Jr. Challenge — BG(18-10)s, fmlc. Entries close 10/13.

Oct. 25 — Ridgeland Tennis Center Junior State Open — BG(18-10)s, fic. Entries close 10/19

**Tennis Tip Of The Month** — Four "Nervebusters" Overcoming Pre-Match Nervousness. 1. Breathe like you have asthma— Make sure you are breathing correctly— deep smooth & rhythmic. 2. Get Happy Feet, think "toes", staying on your heels is how you get passed in tennis. 3. Read The Label on the ball, This will get your mind on something other than nerves. 4. Sing A Song.

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