

# Moose Memo

Now that the golf season is in full swing, I have a special announcement to make. On the first of this month, our new head golf professional begins his tenure at Castlewoods Country Club. After several months of interviews from around the country and many hours of thought and discussion our new pro is Michael Hoelzer. Michael comes to us from the Houston, Texas area and I believe that he is the perfect fit for our club. In addition to being a great teaching professional, Michael also brings a wealth of experience and knowledge in merchandising, tournament operations, administration, course design, course renovation, membership management, club repair and on top of all that is a great golfer. Michael graduated from Lamar University with his degree in business administration. He has basically excelled in every facet of the golf industry and we are very excited to introduce Michael to our membership. Please drop by and introduce yourself to Michael and I am sure you will be just as excited as I am when you meet him. Welcome to Castlewoods Country Club Michael! Speaking of new faces at the club, we have also just hired our new chef at Castlewoods. Chef Hoyt Willard is a graduate of the Western Culinary Institute. In the last couple of weeks, I have had the opportunity of tasting several of his dishes at the club and let me be the first to recommend him to our membership. Chef Willard has been busy the past couple of weeks in getting his kitchen organized and those who have tried his dishes all agree he is very talented in preparing whatever you are hungry for at the club. Please introduce yourself to Chef Willard when you come in the club and sample some of his cooking. You will be very pleased, guaranteed! This past month the course has really be changing almost every day with all the new growth. Finally there is healthy grass to hit from and the weather has been great. I am sure that many of you have also noticed that

Business has been brisk and it is great to see all of our members coming back from their winter hibernation to enjoy the course once again. In fact this past month we held several outings and the fifth annual Suds Cup was contested. John Oxley's Exile team put a pretty good whipping on Chris Berry's Diablos winning 23 1/2 points to 16 1/2 in this Rider Cup format. As is the custom, the winning team's photo is now on the fireplace mantel while the losing team's picture is now residing in the men's bathroom for a year. Win or lose, this competition is always a good time for all who participated. We also held the MGA's Me and Bubba tournament last month. Congratulations to the flight winners: 1st flight - First place - Ken Peacock, Second place - Denny Howell and in Third place - George Hinman. 2nd flight - First place - Len Sanford, Second place - Danny Matthews, Third place - John Rippy. 3rd flight - First place - George Butts, Second place - Rob Fryant, Third place - Joe Lane. 4th flight - First place - Jim Pate, Second place - Chuck Cannon, Third place - Bob Landry. 5th flight - First place - Bill Meyer, Second place - Larry Hamel, Third place - Tom Bunting. I must say that this event was a lot of fun for everyone but in as far as my bubba partner, he was not very helpful and next time I will be looking for another partner to replace him. Bubba Moose did not make one putt all day and I showed him the line and speed every time we hit the green. Ha! I also had the good luck to witness Kevin Webb ace the par 3, number 7 hole from 163 out with a 7 iron. One day later, Randy Parker aced the par 3 number 12 hole from 171 out using his 4 iron. Congratulations to both of you on your perfect shots! Last week the district 2, 6-A high school golf tournament was held at Castlewoods and I am proud to say that NW Rankin won by two shots over Madison

Central and in doing so, we are now qualified to play as one of the top seeds at State on May 10, 11. This season has been pretty solid and thus far we have won five times and come in second the other three tournaments we played. In addition the four seniors have all signed golf scholarships to play college golf next year. Good Luck NW Rankin at State!!! This month's calendar is filling up quickly as on the 5th we have the Little Light House Outing, On the 7th the course will close at noon for the MEA outing, the MGA's third event will be held on the 8th, The IES outing is on the 13th, the MS Furniture Association Outing is set for the 20th, Our Member - Guest, Member - Member tournament will be held the 22nd and 23rd, The Ladies Hawaiian Ball Tournament is on the 26th and the NWR Graduation party is scheduled for the 28th. For more information or to participate in any of these events contact the pro shop at 601-992-1942. An updated calendar of events is also posted in the pro shop for your viewing. Now that we are getting more and more activity at the club, I would like to remind everyone that for this month, we will continue to allow new members to join at Castlewoods Country Club with no initiation fee. That is a \$2,000.00 savings as long as they sign a one year contract so if you know of someone who is interested or looking to join a great country club, now is the time to show them your club. We also have corporate memberships available for no initiation fee during this month too. We are also continuing with our Friday night happy hour and steak night so be sure and come out for the great food, fun and fellowship and bring a friend. 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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Finally the weather has turned a little in our favor the last couple of weeks and the course is starting to respond to the warmer temperatures. Although we are still in transition things are looking better everyday. I am extremely pleased with the way the greens are coming out of dormancy. With all the extreme cold this winter I was a little uneasy about what we may find this spring. Although the cold may have taken a small toll on some of the greens it seems everything is going to be fine. Soon our regular mowing schedule will be initiated. The fairways and tees are growing enough now to justify at least a biweekly mowing. The roughs are a little slower because the grass has little vertical growth this time of year and it will take a little longer for it to catch up. We will be mowing the rough anyway. This time of year there are still some pesky winter weeds who want to grow to maturity. This makes things look a little rough around the edges but we hope to have this taken care of in the next couple of days. Our greens fertility program has started

With a few applications of the major and minor elements to get the soil and turf ready for the growing season. Our cultural practices will start very soon as well. We will do a light verticut and top-dress Monday May 3rd. There will also be an application of wetting agent and some soil fertility to follow. We will schedule an aerification for the Tuesday after Memorial Day so go ahead and be looking forward to that. (I know y'all love it when this happens).

I have made several trips to members and friends homes this spring and the question is always the same. What should I do to my yard? Most of the time the answer is be patient. Although the weather is getting better it is still a little cool for active growth. It is time for a good starter fertilizer and a little water. About the first of June a good slow release fertilizer should do the trick for 12 to 16 weeks of fertility which will get you through the summer.

Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

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### Castlewoods Tennis News

#### Tri-County CTA Summer 2010 Women's Doubles Day League (Combo Format)

What: Continue to play tennis all summer in this fun new ladies doubles league. Who: Levels of play: 5.0 for beginners, plus 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5  
When: June 7- July 27 (May 1st captains can begin registration on tennis link at mstennis.com)

\*\* 5.0 & 8.5 -- Monday, \*\* 7.5 -- Tuesday, \*\* 6.5 -- Wednesday, \*\* 5.5 -- Thursday. Match times are 9:00 and 10:30 AM

Information: \*\* 3 doubles teams in each match and teams will be combo format (Maximum 12 players, Minimum 6 players) You do not have to have a USTA rating to play. Contact: Angie Deleon, at 601-951-0897 or at [angie@cytecsys.com](mailto:angie@cytecsys.com)

#### Castlewoods Ladies Sunday Summer League

What: Ladies Summer league with Every match played at Castlewoods Who: All levels of play When: Sundays at 3:00 PM, Begins June 6 and the cost is \$20. \*\* Call the pro shop to reserve your spot at 601-992-5993.

#### Upcoming Local Tournaments

\*\* May 7 - Cascades Junior Spring Challenge. Cascades Club. BG(18-8)s, FMLC. Deadline May 5

\*\* May 12 - Southern Senior Clay Court Open. River Hills Club. MW(30-85)sd. Deadline May 6

\*\* May 21 - Cool Jelly NTRP Classic. Parham Bridges. NM(3.0-5.0)d,FMLC;NW(2.5-4.5)d,FMLC and Combo MX. Deadline May 19.

#### Northwest Tennis Team --District Champions

The NWR tennis team is state bound as they captured their first district title in 5 years. Congratulations to Castlewoods members: Bryce Spong, Will Dennis, Chase Black, Carter Black, Calder Cleary and Jenny Smith.

#### Tennis Tip Of The Month - "Making Play on Hard Courts More Comfortable"

1. Wear tennis shoes with an appropriate amount of cushioning.
2. Wear Quality socks
3. Use the right balls -- Extra duty
4. Avoid sudden starts, stops, and changes of direction until you're well warmed up

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