

# Moose Memo

Are you ready for some football? Don't you just love this time of the year when the weather starts to cool down and Friday through Monday nights bring us armchair quarterbacks the traditional season that we have been waiting for all year? Well you no longer have to wait till next year as we are now in full swing. What more could we sport's nuts want? Golf in the day and football at night. Yes, Honey, I'll take the trash out right after this play. Speaking of football, I am trying to see if there would be any interest in having a Monday night football party at the clubhouse. If you think there would be any interest, drop me a note and we may be able to put together some good food and drink menu while watching the game. You may have also noticed that with September, comes a pretty full calendar at Castlewoods. We are winding down with the normal tournament season and this month we have several outings on tap. Please check out our upcoming events calendar on the third column of this newsletter. If you can participate in any of these events, now is a great time to play golf or join us in the evenings for great food, drink and fun. For more information just call the club and get the details on this month's events. I hope everyone has noticed the new water coolers on hole number 11. A special thank you goes out to Don Wimberly and Kirby Fight for building that beauty. I understand that they are working on a couple more for the course and they will come in handy during those hot days. I also want to introduce Larry Taylor, our new course marshal. Larry has been a member at the club for several years and lives just off the course. Larry will be driving the facilities and helping us monitor the pace of play and checking all golfers to make sure everyone has checked in with the pro shop prior to playing. Larry will also be enforcing our rules that do not allow non-members on the course for any activities other than golfing as guests of our members.

Please say hello to Larry the next time you see him on the course. I have had several interviews of late for our new head golf professional but as of this writing, we have not yet hired a new pro. Hopefully soon we can find the right person to represent the club and our membership. It was a very wet month of August but this past weekend, I played golf and must say, that the course is green and lush. The greens continue to be outstanding and I don't think there are many fairways in the state as nice as ours. It sure is a pleasure to never have to touch your golf ball to try and improve your lie in the short grass. Thanks to all of you that have been filling those divots and repairing your ball marks on the greens. The course is looking great thanks to you and Mike and the maintenance crew. If you have not been able to play lately, come on out and join in on the fun. While on the subject of fun, Don't forget to mark your calendar for the International Food Tasting Event scheduled for Monday night the 21st of September. This is the second annual event and last year was awesome. This year there will be many more of our local restaurants participating and we will also have two or three great bands performing for your entertainment. Tickets go on sale at \$45 in advance and \$60 at the door. This year the profits go to the American Cancer Society, The Make-A-Wish Foundation, The MS Brain Injury Association and Northwest Rankin High School. For more information just call the club at 601-992-1942. Last month, the Invitational Make-A-Wish tournament was held at CCC and congratulations go out to all of the teams who played. Please see the third column for the results. We are starting to see some results on the # 5 lake project and if the rain will hold off a week or so, we should be finished in a few more days. Thanks for your support and I hope to see you soon on the course. Moose

## September Upcoming Events

9/4/09	Happy Hour	5PM
9/8/09	JSMGA Outing	8AM
9/10/09	Homebuilders Outing	12:00
9/10/09	Rankin Cty. Men's Night Out	
9/11/09	Happy Hour	5PM
9/13/09	The Trout Cup	12:00
9/15/09	JSMGA Outing	8AM
9/18/09	Happy Hour	5PM
9/19 & 9/20	Senior Club Tourney	
9/19/09	Wedding Reception	6PM
9/21/09	Int'l Food Tasting	6PM
9/23/09	JEA Golf Classic	1PM
9/24/09	Yates Const. Outing	1PM
9/25/09	Happy Hour	5PM
9/25/09	Rehearsal Dinner	7PM
9/26/09	Reception	6PM
9/28/09	CEFCO Outing	8AM
9/30/09	CLGA Interclub	9AM
10/1/09	Rankin Chamber Outing	
10/3/09	FBC Outing	1PM
10/9/09	Wesley Scarborough	1PM
10/14/09	MS Trucker's Outing	1PM
10/17/09	NWR Class Reunion	7PM

## The Invitational Tournament Results Championship Flight

- 1st - John Oxley & Duke Simmons
  - 2nd - David Sinclair & Keith West
  - 3rd - Brian Brister & Denny Howell
  - 4th - Chris Berry & Ed Chancellor
  - 5th - Michael Slack & Bob Rupnik
- Consolation Flight
- 1st - Ken Peacock & Jeff Zachary
  - 2nd - Shane Humphries/Daniel Cross
  - 3rd - Joey Delaski & Grady Lodes
- First Flight
- 1st - Spencer Drake & Trevor Drake
  - 2nd - Jim Woodson & John Rippy
  - 3rd - Robert Allen & Jason Stoker
- Second Flight
- 1st - Gary Knight & Mark Power Sr.
  - 2nd - Bobby Park & Jeff Roth
  - 3rd - Ron Massingill / David Fiveash
- Third Flight
- 1st - Greg Williamson & Chris Baker
  - 2nd - Travis Taylor & Rob Whitehead
  - 3rd - Mark Power Jr. & Kevin Sills
- Fourth Flight
- 1st - Robin Foley & Mike Kelly
  - 2nd - Mike Kimbrell/Dave Clements
  - 3rd - Leon Harris & Frank Dulaney
- Fifth Flight
- 1st - Brett Vann & Jimmy Jolly
  - 2nd - George Butts & John Coalter
  - 3rd - Wayne Bailey & Tom Dantone

## TURF TALK by Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

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It would seem summer is over if you happened to go outside the last week or so. The farmers talked about having an early fall but we did not expect it to come in the middle of August. The daytime highs, night time lows, and low humidity may be trying to fool us. I suspect there is still plenty of more humid days to come. Does this unseasonable weather have any effect on the turf? I have not seen it if it does. The grass is still at it's peak growing cycle and I would expect this to continue for at least 2 more weeks. Temperature is only one element in the environment that will dictate what a plant should be doing. Among others actual day light hours has a huge roll in the biological clock of most turf. Decreasing daylight and sun angle help to trigger the plant's transition to dormancy. During this period the plant starts to use less energy growing leaf tissue and concentrates more on gathering and storing food for the winter. This food storage would consist mostly of carbohydrates that the plant would use sparingly through the winter

To remain alive. We can help our plant along with this process by applying potassium fertilizer. The soil will generally take care of the rest. Potassium helps the plant weather stress over the winter by stabilizing and strengthening the cell wall along with many other vital parts of the plant cell. I do not recommend heavy nitrogen fertilizer in the fall because it can cause the plant cell to swell with water and come freeze time the expansion of the excess water can cause the cell to burst. This is called winter kill. Although this typically will not destroy large areas of turf in our area it can cause unsightly brown areas in spring which can take considerable time to heal. Soon the green leaves of summer will turn various shades of brown, yellow and red. The grass will slow it's growth and the temperatures will be perfect for outdoor activities again. I have maintained fall is the best time to be on the course for these and many other reasons. Bring your friends and enjoy some time on the course because the cold wet winter is just around the corner. Go State!

Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

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## Castlewoods Tennis News

### State Champions

Gary Dennis captained his senior 6.0 mixed doubles team to a state title in Cleveland on August 21-23. They were victorious over the top teams from Meridian, Hattiesburg, the Delta and the Coast. Gary's team has now earned a bid into the southern sectional tournament to be held in October here in Jackson. Congratulations and best of luck to team Dennis!

Also, in mixed doubles action, Castlewoods pro Brooks Buffington lead his 9.0 team to the top of the division in local league play. His team has now advanced to the state tournament to be held October in Oxford, MS.

### Junior Mixer

Our "Back To School" mixer was a great success on August 22. Many of our club juniors came out and enjoyed a great morning of tennis and fellowship. Calder Cleary was crowned top of the charts while Luke Armstrong was a close 2nd. Cady Porter - "Most Enthusiastic", Jay Lemon - "Star On The Rise", Will Dennis - "Most Feared Forehand", Alex LeBlanc - "Comeback Player Of The Day", Flint Christian - "Team Player Award".

### Tennis Tip Of the Month - "Should I Stay or Should I Go?"

You can really benefit from going forward to the net at the right times, and staying back at other times, even if you're itching to move up and volley. Consider taking a chance and coming to the net at the following times: (1) Anytime that you hit a hard, penetrating shot from a position comfortable inside your own side of the court. Such shots, called approach shots, force your opponent back behind their baseline, on the defensive, especially if they are closer to either sideline than the middle of the court. (2) When your opponent hits a soft, high shot that bounces at or inside of your service line. You can aim your return of such soft, high shots pretty easily, driving your opponent way back to a corner of the baseline. (3) When you suspect that your opponent doesn't have the confidence or ability to deal with the threat that you pose up at the net. Some players who can bat the ball back and forth over the net all day really go to pieces if you challenge them with your volley. They're terrified by, and often unaccustomed to, the challenge of having to hit a shot to a specific place--which is exactly what you must do to hit effective passing shots and lobs. It's amazing how many free points you can get from this bullying, "in your face" tactic.

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