



## MESSAGES from MAX

It's hard to believe that the New Year is here. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and I wish each of you a very prosperous New Year. Handicap fees are due this month and we ask that each of you that are interested in maintaining a handicap, please fill out the enclosed form and return with your January payment. The annual cost for a handicap fee is \$20.

The Mississippi Golf Association requires that its members use this service through the MGA. The proceeds from handicap fees go to the enhancement of junior golf throughout the state of Mississippi. While on the subject of the Mississippi Golf Association, Castlewoods will be the host site for the MGA's State Father/Son Championship sponsored by Mississippi Sports Medicine rotation held over the weekend of June 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>.

As in the past years, the wintertime brings a decline in membership. We want to try to reverse this trend. Until March 1, 2007, we will allow members to bring out prospective members to play (up to two times per person) and only charge this prospective member a cart fee. If they join before March 1st, we'll credit the account of the member responsible for the new member, a month's worth of dues. Our goal is to continue to improve your facility, operate in the black and NOT increase your dues. Please help us obtain these goals and also save yourself some cash by signing up a new member today.

I've been asked to remind our members of a few rules about membership. First, Castlewoods



**Congratulations & Good Luck Dwayne!**

Country Club, as do most other country clubs, requires a 30 day written notice if you plan to resign from the club. Next, if your account falls into the 90 day late column, it will immediately be handed over to a collection agency and will show up on your credit report. We mention this hopefully to avoid this situation. And this one last item, in an effort to encourage golfers that play Castlewoods regularly to join the club, we will implement and enforce the following rule. Any non-member that resides within Rankin, Madison, or Hinds counties shall only be allowed four visits per year to the club. This does not include special events, tournaments, etc....Overall our membership abides the rules of the club much better than any other clubs that I have been involved with. Your help with these items will be greatly appreciated.

For our Castlewoods homeowners that are trail fee members, there is an option to reduce the monthly fee of \$75 by 10% by paying for 2007 up front in January. Please call Joyce for more details.

The Castlewoods Men's Golf Association, 125 members strong in 2006, will have its first event of

the year on Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup>, with the CMGA's 'BEEF-O-RAMA'. For more details on this event see page 4. The second event of 2007 will on Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup> with the Superbowl Scramble. This will be a two-man scramble with an 10 am shotgun with both gross and net divisions. Handicaps for the net division will be determined by one half of your team's combined total. Entry fee will be \$30 per player plus cart fee and include a hamburger lunch and keg beer following play. Non-Castlewoods members are invited to play for an entry fee of only \$55 plus cart fee per person. Sign up deadline will be at noon on Wednesday, feb. 1st

Now from the 'hate to see you go' department. Dwayne Townsend, the victorious Captain of The 2006 Sud's Cup Champion Team, Lumpy's Legion is resigning the club effective January 1st, to pursue a lucrative business deal in Dallas. While we all hate to see him go, he will forever be remembered as the inspiration that willed the ragtag Legionnaires to victory over the more talented but less vaulted, Shorty's Squadron. Dwayne will be missed but not forgotten.

In closing, the employees of Castlewoods have asked me to thank each of you that participated with a contribution to the Employee Christmas Fund. Your involvement ensured a great Christmas for all 29 of our employees and their families. We wish each of you a very Happy and Successful New Year! *Max Maxwell*

# TURF TALK by Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

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Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you had a great holiday. It is customary to make some resolutions for the New Year so after some thought we are going to give it a try.

1. Better greens- the past few years have been a challenge to make our green better and better because of the different types of grass we have. There is some new technology, which came to the market 2 years ago that I think is very promising. From the studies that have been done and trials throughout this region I have decided to go with it. It is cheaper for one thing and without getting to technical the chemistry of this product will revolutionize the fertilizer industry. I tried this on a few greens last season and am very pleased with the results. With some fine-tuning of the rates and timing of the applications we should see great results this season.

2. Less employee traffic- we will try to stay out of your way as much as possible this year. The advances in turf maintenance equipment have enabled us to do things much more efficiently. We will add more native areas this season, which will be contained to the out of play areas of the

course. There is also some area, which we maintained that are not on our property. The influx of new homes will enable us to move our operations closer to the areas, which are in play.

3. Nobody gets wet- we are extremely limited to our irrigation schedule because our system is so old. The club is in the planning stages to remedy this problem but in the time being we have acquired some equipment from other courses that will help us irrigate more during the night.

4. Personally I would like to be more help- in the past I have offered my advise to home owners in the area. I will again invite you to call me at anytime if you have a question about your property. I will be happy to talk with you and give you an on sight visit if that is what you would like. Just call the pro shop and they can get in touch with me if you can't find me on the course.

These are our resolutions. The course maintenance department will continue to strive to make your experience on the course what you expect. If you have any questions or comments feel free to call us.

*Mike Stupica*

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## Tentative 2007 Golf Calendar of Events

### JANUARY

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> – CMGA “Beef-O-Rama” Steak Night

### FEBRUARY

Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> – Super Bowl 2-man Scramble

Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> – Valentine’s Day Couples Scramble

Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> – CMGA Icebreaker 4-man Scramble

### MARCH

Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> – Kids Chance

Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> – CLGA Kick-off

Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> – SUDS Cup

### APRIL

Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> – SUDS Cup

Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> – Brandon Elementary Scramble

Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> – CCC Couples Spring Tournament

Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> – Jackson Area Homebuilders Scramble

Thursday & Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> – Double G Coatings

### MAY

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> – Little Lighthouse Benefit Tournament

Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Girls Scouts

### MAY continued...

Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> – MEA Outing

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> – CMGA “Who’s Your Crawdaddy?”

Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> – CLGA Member/Member 9:20am

Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> – Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> - CCC Memorial Day 4 Ball

### JUNE

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> –JWGA Interclub

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> – MGA State Father/Son

Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> – MS Families for Kids Outing

Fri, 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sun, 24<sup>th</sup> – CCC TheBushwacker Member/Guest

Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> – CCC Men’s/SR/JR Club Championship

### JULY

Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> – CCC Men’s/SR/JR Club Championship

Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> – CMGA Thong Along

Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> – Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> – CCC Couples Tournament

Fri, 27<sup>th</sup> – Sun, 29<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Make-A-Wish Tourney

### AUGUST

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> – CMGA 3 Men & Some Tator Salad

Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> – Amateur Golf Tour

# Pool & Tennis NEWS by Buck Boyd



We have a full calendar of events planned for January with **FREE CLINICS** & New Group Lessons starting up. Call Buck for details.

**Reminder that courts close at 9pm Tuesday-Thursday and 6pm Friday-Sunday.**

**COURT TIMES** ... Please call in advance to reserve a court time, so you do not have to wait or be turned away. Lights cannot be turned on from the outside. Please do not access the breaker box.

**BEGINNER CLASS** for adults now forming for week of January 21st. Call Buck at (601) 397-2825 for details or to register. The class will be limited to 8 students. The cost for the 6 week class is \$60.

**ADULT MIXERS** will be on January 19th at 6:30pm. **Please RSVP** on Buck's cell if you plan to attend. Cost is \$15/couple & \$10/individual to cover cost of food and tennis balls. Non-members are invited but must pay the \$5 court fee in addition to the cover.

**NEW TIME FOR LADIES INTERMEDIATE DRILLS** Every Sunday afternoon from 3-4:30 pm. Ladies from 3.0 - 3.5 NTRP drill each Sunday. Cost is only \$10/class & you do not have to register—just show up & play!

**Congratulations to Anthony Santangelo** for winning the last tournament held at Ridgeland Tennis Center. Anthony won the Boys 10 & Under which secured him a finish in the top 10 in the state this year. **TOP SPIN JUNIOR ACADEMY** continues to grow!

Castlewoods will be one of the host sites for the **Bullfrog Southern Sectional Tournament** to be held the first weekend in February. Come & watch some of the top junior players in the southern United States! We will hosting several adult & junior USTA sanctioned tournaments this spring & summer.

**BALL MACHINE RENTAL:** Available at \$10 per hour. Please call ahead to reserve.

We are very proud of the new courts & invite all who have not tried them out to come out & play!



**2006 Santa Showdown Champions**  
Team Gulfshores huh..Getaway Grady & Shane

**Moose, Michael, Ox and DL warm up before play with some of Geri's breakfast**



**Past champions George Hinman and Ed Grantham Team Blue/Gray Bowl could only wish to wear the jackets again.**

## IMPORTANT!

### 2007 Mississippi Golf Association (MGA) Handicap Fees Are Due NOW


Annual Handicap fees for 2007 will remain at \$20.00 per person (\$12 for Juniors under the age of 18). If you would like to have a handicap, please fill out this form & return with your January payment. This charge will be reflected on your February statement. A reminder that the MGA uses the money generated to support Junior Golf in Mississippi throughout the year.


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SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

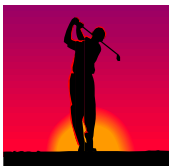
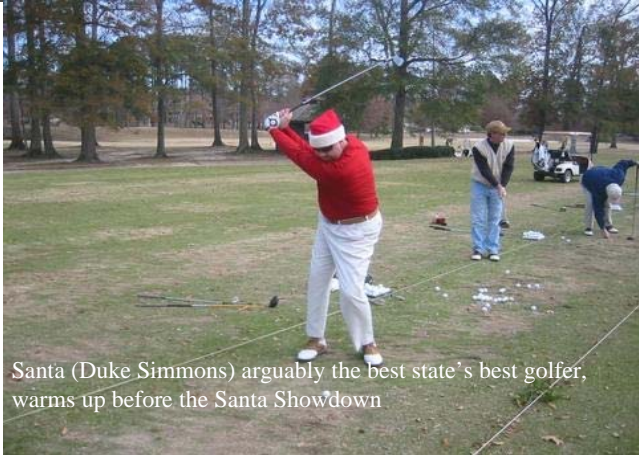
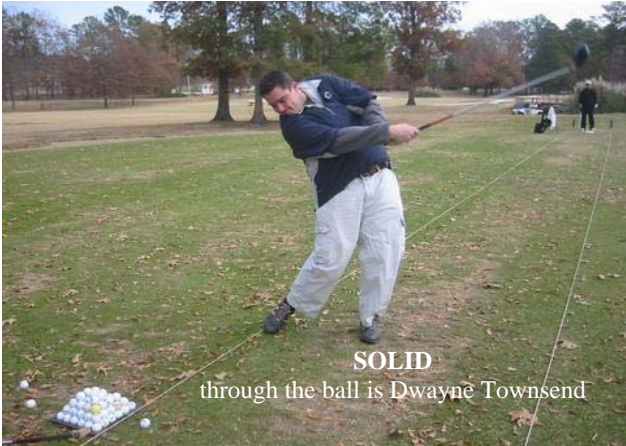
JUNIOR \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTORY:		
ACCOUNTING—	Joyce Gray	992-5334
EVENTS/MEMBERSHIP—	Melissa Hall	992-5334
FOOD & BEVERAGE—	Ruby Miller	992-5337
	Gerri Norris	
GENERAL MANAGER—	Max Maxwell	992-1942
PRO SHOP—	Bill Trout, Pat Stephens	992-1942
	Scotty Tapscott, Jim Weems	
SUPERINTENDENT—	Mike Stupica	992-1937
TENNIS CENTER—	Buck Boyd	992-5993

4th ANNUAL SANTA SHOWDOWN	
RESULTS:	
	
GROSS DIVISION: (won in a "putt-off")	
1st Place—Shane Humphries & Grady Lodes (67)	
2nd Place— Max Maxwell & Chris Berry (67)	
NET DIVISION: (won by scorecard playoff)	
1st Place—George Hinman & Ed Grantham (66)	
2nd Place—Michael Slack & Dwayne Townsend (66)	

**HOLE IN ONE** 

Chris Berry aced the 194 yard par 3, 4th Hole on "The Bear" using a 5 iron. Witnesses were Cecil Muse, Michael Slack, Denny Howell, Dees Hinton & Tom Judkins on December 15th, 2006.



From the Owners & Staff  
of Castlewoods Country Club

## Ken Peacock's Short Takes

**Beef-O-Rama Returns**

Back by popular demand, the Castlewoods Men's Golf Association (CMGA) will host their annual "Beef-O-Rama" meeting on January 25th at the clubhouse.

Festivities begin at 6pm with another keg furnished by George Butts. Dinner will be served at 7pm. For only \$10 you will be fed a large fist of beef, a baked potato, salad, and desert. Membership dues will also be collected that evening and will be \$20 again for 2007. Following dinner we will have a brief business meeting. Can't make it? Not a problem, you can join the MGA any time of the year. Members are eligible to play in CMGA tournaments like "Who's Your Crawdaddy?", "Thong-a-Long", "High Ballers are People Too", and much, much more. A steak dinner for \$10 that even Tico would envy!! A chance to join a top flight organization for \$20. What are you waiting for? Sign up in the Pro Shop by January 18th. We need a head count to procure the beef. See you there!