

MESSAGES from MAX



CASTLEWOODS COUNTRY CLUB

When Cecil and the other owners first started this (ad)venture of owning and operating a golf club, Mr. Muse stated he believed that having a strong Men's Golf Association would be key in the business's success. I didn't really give that statement much thought then but as I look back on it now, two years later, it seems as though Moose had a little insight to information that I wasn't privy to. In 2005, the Castlewoods Men's Golf Association was 125 strong and providing fun, inexpensive events that bring out around 100 people each time. This is a big piece of the puzzle that makes our club a desirable place to be a member. People want to be a member of a club that has a game. The CMGA has provided that game. Leadership has been the key. Led by Duke Simmons, Ken Peacock, and Michael Slack, along with fellow committee members John Oxley and Ronnie Schmitz, the CMGA has grown into what is probably the largest men's golf association in the state of Mississippi. And it's because these gentlemen put in the time and effort to plan and execute fun events. The reins have now been past on to the most capable hands of new president John Oxley and his vp Ronnie Schmitz. Please support these men in their quest to keep this fun machine hitting on all cylinders.

Brought back this year from past CMGA years was 'Steak Night'. Those in attendance feasted on a great cut of filet mignon and were served with a very special announcement. The CMGA has chosen to honor Bill Trout with its only 'Lifetime Member' status ever bestowed. As most of you know by now, Bill is going into semi-retirement. And yes, his decision did have this management scrambling to figure out just how we

could possibly get by without him. It was determined that we can't, so we've talked him into a compromise of sorts, where he will still be heavily involved in the club but will also have the time to travel some with his lovely wife Roni. While the gentlemen in the first paragraph supplied the ideas for the great events last year, Mr. Trout was the reason that the execution part worked so well. Congratulations to the CMGA for recognizing how important Bill has been to their success and to Bill for this honor.

Not only has Ronnie Schmitz and John Oxley teamed up for the betterment of the CMGA, but they also partnered up to win the CMGA's Superbowl Scramble with a score of 63. Jim Waylonis and Mickey Miller paired up to take home the net division with a 52. For other results please see page 4. Great playing guys!

As most of you know by now, our PGA teaching professional, Jay Jordan's 10 year old daughter, Aubree has been diagnosed with Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD) Syndrome. This disease is triggered by an injury that in turn creates certain traumas to the nerve and immune systems. Sounds bad? Well, it is. Since jumping out of a golf cart while playing with friends in early December, Aubree has practically been unable to use her feet for walking. There is really very little known about this problem in doctor's offices around Jackson, so Jay's family has been referred to someone in Boston. Castlewoods is having a fundraiser to help offset the expenses incurred while Jay and his family try to receive the best medical advice possible for Aubree. The tournament will be held on Thursday, April 13th. Enclosed you will find a flyer with information about this golf tournament and any help and/or participation that you can give will be greatly appreciated. Please

keep Aubree in your prayers too.

Often I mention what a great teacher our PGA golf professional, Jay Jordan is and what a positive impact that he has had on our golfing members. The same is currently happening at the tennis courts also. Buck Boyd, our USPTR teaching professional, has been quietly building the next tennis mecca, here in Castlewoods. If you haven't had a chance to meet Buck and becoming a better tennis player is a goal of yours or maybe of your child, may I suggest a lesson with Buck this spring. Northwest Rankin High School won the State last spring and guess where the team works out? Castlewoods and Buck tutors most of the players. Tennis is fun but maybe you're looking for an aerobic workout. Well, guess what? Buck will begin a fat burning class called Cardio Tennis in March. It's a non-instructional aerobics class that combines tennis, music, and fun drills for all levels of players. Heart monitors will be used to ensure that students don't push the fat burning envelop too far. For more information about these classes or for lessons, please call Buck at 601-397-2825.

The golf shop is fast filling up with the newest trends in spring and summer golf attire. One new item to our shop this spring is FootJoy's Gel-fusion golf shoes. This shoe is a little more expensive than the standard stock types of FootJoys, but well worth the extra bucks for the ultra-comfort that they deliver to your feet during a round of golf. I purchased a pair last summer and after only one round, I realized I will never wear another golf shoe. Ahhh, happy feet ...☺

Max Maxwell

TURF TALK by Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

I think all of us can agree that every successful organization has a great team attitude among its employees. The success of the organization typically would hinge on one member of the team who shows extraordinary enthusiasm, loyalty, and work ethic to get the job done no matter the cost. This person is known in some circles as the “go to guy.” The “go to guy” typically will raise the level of expectation for the rest of the team, show great responsibility for his or her job, and maintain quality workmanship on every task given. This type of team player is the envy of every supervisor and we are fortunate to have one like this here at our course. For these reasons and many more I am announcing the promotion of one of this club’s most outstanding employees. As of February 27th Alvin McCarley will take on the added responsibilities of Assistant Superintendent.

Alvin, his wife Tammie, and their three children Bonnie, Ashley, and Dameon have been members of the Rankin County community for most of their lives. Alvin and Tammie raise their family with the conviction that anything is possible with a little love, responsibility, and hard work. It is this conviction that has brought Alvin this far in life and will help him achieve any goals he has beyond the work he does for us.

Alvin came to work here the summer of 1994. I know this because I was here. Alvin and I worked side-by-side blood, sweat, and tears that summer. We became friends that summer and came to respect each other for the work


we did. After that summer he not only built his reputation here at our course but also throughout the entire company. Links Corp. management would call on Alvin to travel and help maintain other courses in that company. Over the years he has exhibited the willingness to learn more about his job along with other aspects of golf course maintenance. He attended the MSU Turfgrass Short Course in 2004. This is a class offered by MSU for professionals in the turf industry who wish to get a better understanding of our profession and further their knowledge of the new technologies, which have revolutionized our business.

We are extremely fortunate to have Alvin working for us. You all know Alvin so when you see him congratulate him on his achievement. He is our “go to guy”.

I have spoken about ball marks several times in newsletters and conversations in the past few years. I was reading an article the other day and realized I have never spoken on what is the correct way to fix a ball mark. Proper ball mark repair is as important if not more than the effort it takes to do it. Step 1 use a pronged ball mark repair tool. These are available in the pro shop. Steps 2 lightly twist the outer edges of the ball mark toward the center of the affected area. Never lift the center of the ball mark. Step 3 tap slightly with your putter or foot but not hard enough to create an indentation. Now you are finished. Properly repaired ball marks make the green smoother and help alleviate the unsightly brown spots, which remain for weeks after the mark was made. There is an illustrated ball mark repair guide on the GCSAA web sight at www.gcsaa.org.

Mike Stupica , Golf Course Superintendent

March 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 CLGA Play Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Wedding Reception 7pm
12	13	14	15	16	17 	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 APRIL



We would like to welcome Matt Ruppert as our **Assistant Tennis Pro**. He will be assisting in the Junior Academy & teaching private lessons mainly on weekends. Matt played college tennis at Towson University in Maryland.

The new line of Prince **DEMO RACKETS** are available in the pro shop. You can demo a racket for \$2 per day and if you decide to purchase the racket, the rental fee will be deducted from your purchase price.

League play has started on Thursday evenings & we will host several **Tournaments**. The first will be a doubles format in late April, followed by a mixed doubles tournament in May. More information will be forthcoming.

BALL MACHINE RENTAL: Available at \$10 per hour.

CARDIO TENNIS will start the first week in March and will be offered on weeknights, weekdays & weekends. It is for anyone regardless of whether they have played tennis or not. It is a non-instructional class that is aerobics on the tennis court with music & fun drills for all levels of players. Heart monitors are used to insure the most effective workout in regard to health & fat burning. The class will be \$60 plus monitor cost for members and \$75 plus monitor cost for non-members for a 4 week session (4 classes). We must have a minimum of 6 persons per class. Classes are filling up fast. One class is already full. I participated in the training held at River Hills earlier and I can promise an upbeat, fun and energetic workout! Contact Buck for details.

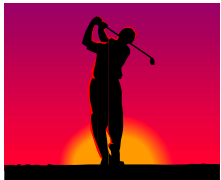
Tennis Tips



If you are like most club level players, the volley is most likely the shot that you dread more than any other. The reason for most of the worry is that it is probably the most under-practiced shot for most players. The next time you head to court, instead of playing the conventional rally from the baseline routine, get your partner to come in to the service line and play several games of volley only tennis. This allows you to concentrate only on that particular shot.

Remember, a good volley starts and ends with getting your feet in the correct position. Focus on stepping around the ball and getting the feet set before reaching your racket to the ball.

Another common volley error is taking too much backswing. To correct this problem have your partner feed you balls while you are backed up against the fence or windscreen. This will not allow you to take too much of a backswing and over time will correct this problem. A good visual aid is to pretend that there is a wall behind you when you are in match play. By focusing on not hitting the “wall” you will have better control at the net and therefore hit with better placement.



TIPS from the Golf Pro by Jay Jordan

Controlling Distance for the Chip & Pitch

Distance control on short shots will be determined largely by clubhead speed, which in turn is influenced mostly by the length of the backswing. The longer the swing, the greater the potential speed of the clubhead and the longer the resultant shot. Try to vary your backswing length to see the difference it makes in the distance the ball travels. You should strive for a consistent, accelerating, but unhurried, pace.

When the practice routine produces solid contact and good results, try to add a routine before each stroke. The routine could include five steps:

1. **Survey**—check the lie, the terrain, the conditions.
2. **Visualize**—see the shot & results.
3. **Rehearse**—make practice swings or rehearse mentally, or do both, until the correct feel is established.
4. **Execute**—produce the swing that was rehearsed.
5. **Evaluate**—if the shot was good, put it in your memory bank; if bad make a correct practice swing.

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Callaway demo day

Scheduled for

Friday, April 7th

4pm—7pm

Come try the latest & greatest golf



Brandon Elementary School Golf Tournament

Benefiting the Gymnasium Project

April 6, 2006 Shotgun start at Noon

Lunch provided at 11am

Lots of prizes, fun & fellowship..... all for a wonderful cause

Special sponsorship opportunities also exist.

Call or e-mail us for your application or more information.

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Picture the Difference is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping residents of the MS Gulf Coast recover & rebuild after Hurricane Katrina. All donations are tax deductible & appreciated.

Picture the Difference Golf Tournament a 4-Man/Woman Scramble

March 23, 2006 Shotgun Start 1pm Lunch
Noon-1pm

Entry Fee \$100 includes lunch, range balls, goodie bag,
cart & green fees.

Contact: Nancy Branton at 601-951-0920 or Suzi Altman at
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CMGA SuperBowl 2-Man Scramble Results:

GROSS Division:

1 st - John Oxley & Ronnie Schmitz	63
2 nd - James Winter & Thomas Adams	64
3 rd - Spencer Drake & Trevor Drake	65
4 th - Steve McKay & Dees Hinton	66
5 th - Duke Simmons & Lamar Simmons	66

NET Division:

1 st - Jim Waylonis & Mickey Miller	52
2 nd - Glen Fortenberry & Kennon Boussard	54
3 rd - Bill Cole & Bob Landry	56
4 th - Eric McKinley & Jason Strong	56
5 th - Ross Hogan & Ron Yjranson	56

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