



**CASTLEWOODS**  
C O U N T R Y C L U B

**MAY 2004**

Can you believe it? Around the first part of February I spoke with the new owners of Castlewoods Country Club about the possibility of working here. Our first few conversations included statements from one of them saying that they would have 450 members by July 1<sup>st</sup>. When he said Castlewoods only had 256 current members I, with all my worldly golf knowledge, thought no way. Well, here we are.... 425 members and its only May 1<sup>st</sup>. I was a naysayer, Cecil was a yeasayer. I was wrong. He was right. Who would have thought? Something very special is happening here at Castlewoods C.C.

We are also blessed to have some very good employees at our club. People are always talking about "teamwork" and how essential it is to a company's success. I can honestly say that Castlewoods C.C. is the model for the teamwork concept. Without the help from Mike, Robin, Alvin, Ruby, Geri, Joyce, Bill, Bob, Jim, Milton, Melissa and their staffs, Castlewoods CC would not be developing into the club that it is. These fine men and women coupled with the new owners' attitudes are paving the way for a successful Country Club. It makes me realize how lucky I am to be a part of it.

Another member event and another fun filled day. The 6-6-6 Tournament was held on April 17<sup>th</sup> and enjoyed by all. Beginning this Memorial Day we will reinstate the Castlewoods Four-Ball. It will be held on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> and the entry fee will be \$300 per team. This special event will include another great steak dinner on Saturday night and free sausage cookout on the course during play. There's also a little lagniappe added to this tournament by the owners. Each of the par3 holes will feature a hole-in-one prize. Enclosed you will find an entry application to this tournament. Enter early because we will have to limit this tournament to the first 120 players that sign up.

About 40 people attended The Men's Golf Association kickoff party. Beginning in May we will have a MGA Friday evening scramble on the second Friday of every month. The first event will be Friday May 14<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:30, and will be limited to the first 44 players to sign up. Call the pro shop at 992-1942.

Along with May comes Mother's Day, a truly special day in most of our lives. I would like to wish each of our mothers a very warm Mother's day. Thank you moms for everything!

Speaking of moms, I would like to mention how nice it is to be working at a club with so many junior golfers. I was one myself at Vicksburg Country Club and it really feels good to see so many out here. As Bob Ford and all of us continue to promote junior golf, our club will continue to grow in this category. While we will do our best to teach, train, educate, and instill proper etiquette in these fine young players, we will also need the help from you the members. Encourage a child to play every chance you have to. It will pay dividends for many years to come. With the foundation that we have here, there is no reason that we can't become the Northwood CC or the Canton CC of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Those clubs produced some of Mississippi's best golfers during the second half of the last century. It happened for two reasons....great teaching professionals and great parents. With Bob Ford and each of you, it's easy to see that we are well on our way.

Happy Mother's Day,  
Max Maxwell

A set of the Rules & Regulations are now available in the Golf Shop.

**6-6-6 Member-Member/Guest RESULTS:**

**Championship Flight:**

1. Brian Brister - John Oxley
2. Dan Bennett - Kevin Butts
3. Max Maxwell - Mike Stupica

**1<sup>st</sup> Flight:**

1. Scott Champion - Ross Hollan
2. Borden Brister - Randy Palmer
3. George Butts - Travis Taylor

**2<sup>nd</sup> Flight:**

1. Walter Ketchings - Dennis Legate
2. Ron Massingill - Matt Massingill
3. Terry Bergin - Charles Cannon

**3<sup>rd</sup> Flight:**

1. Don Wimberly - Clara Wimberly
2. Bill Cole - Tan Etheridge
3. Fred Lytle - James Shaw

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday.....CCC Ladies Golf Clinic  
Free 5:30-6:30pm
- May 7<sup>th</sup>, Friday.....CCC Senior Mens Golf Clinic  
Free 5:30 - 6:30pm
- May 10<sup>th</sup>, Monday.....Aerification of Greens
- May 18<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday..... Castlewoods Ladies Golf  
Association (CLGA) Sr. Interclub 9am
- May 20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday.....CCC Ladies Golf Clinic  
Free 5:30-6:30pm
- May 21<sup>st</sup>, Friday..... CCC Senior Mens Golf Clinic  
Free 5:30 - 6:30pm
- May 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>.....CCC Junior Clinic 9am - Noon  
\$150 per child, call Pro Shop to sign-up
- May 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>.....CCC Men's Monthly Executive Golf School  
6-7pm Limited to first 10 to sign-up \$50 each
- May 27<sup>th</sup>, Thursday.....MS Golf Association Junior  
Tournament 7:30-10am
- May 27<sup>th</sup>, Thursday.....IES Outing 1 pm
- May 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> .....Memorial Day Weekend  
Castlewoods Four Ball 8am

## MONTH OF JUNE

- June 3<sup>rd</sup>.....Deadline for Qualifying for  
Match Play Club Championship
- June 7<sup>th</sup>, Monday.....Bob Ford Christian Golf Clinic-Free
- June 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> .....Semi-Finals & Final of  
Match Play Club Championship
- June 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>.....CCC Men's Monthly Executive Golf School  
6-7pm Limited to first 10 to sign-up \$50 each

Dates & times are **tentative**, please call the Pro Shop at  
**992-1942** for more information.

### 👉 NOTICE to Members:

Beginning Tuesday, April 20, 2004 Castlewoods Country Club will offer a twilight fee if \$30 (includes cart fee) for guest of members. This reduced twilight rate will begin at 3 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays ONLY. Later in the summer, we will begin at 4 p.m.

\* Rates are subject to change without prior notice.

## TURF TALK

Have you ever sat at your desk with a pile of work to do and thought how in the world am I going to accomplish all this today? Well here I am smack in the middle of that club. We have several projects in store for the coming month. After finishing drains at 14 green and fairway, we will focus on areas around 11 green as well as behind 8 green. The drains behind 8 green should be completed with minimal disruption of play. However, 11 green will take considerable time to complete. Along with these two major projects we will be fixing more basins and sinkholes in the fairways.

Many members have expressed a concern for the maintenance staff to be more courteous to the golfers. I agree 100%. You may have noticed several new faces on my staff this year, many of which have no golf course experience. I have noted this concern with my crew and we have taken the steps to correct this problem. Thank you to the members who have expressed concerns and I hope you will feel free to talk with me at any time.

Many new homeowners have asked me what kind of grass is best to put in their home lawn. Before you decide on a grass you should answer a few questions.

1. How much time do you plan to spend on yard work?
2. How many trees do you have?
3. How much water can you afford?

There are 6 or 7 different grasses used in southern home lawns. Lets take the top 3 for instance.

Hybrid Bermuda - this is the grass in our fairways and roughs. Bermuda has a darker green color and has a very aggressive growth habit in the summer. It does not handle shade very well and is tolerant to most chemical and fertilizer applications. It is also very drought tolerant. To keep it looking nice, it takes more time than some others.

Centipede - this grass is called the poor man's grass because it would rather be left alone. It has a yellow green color and is very tolerant to most adverse conditions. It does not do well with most chemical applications and has a slower growth habit.

St. Augustine - although there are no warm season turf grasses that are truly shade tolerant, this grass does much better than the others if you have a lot of trees. It has a dark green with wider leaf blades. It will need more water especially if you have several trees. It likes to be mowed higher and is susceptible to disease and insect damage. It also does not do well with most chemical applications.

## LANDSCAPE TIP:

It is time to fertilize your lawn with potassium. The third number on your fertilizer analysis represents this. Potassium is an element that helps the plant be more tolerant of adverse conditions such as heat, drought, and disease.

*Mike Stupica*  
Golf Course Superintendent

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT.....



### **BILL TROUT, Pro Shop**

After spending 31 years in the Oil & Gas industry, Bill has become a fixture at Castlewoods Country Club. For 6 years, he has been the main contact for setting tee times & managing the Pro Shop. Bill is the glue that holds the place together. We're proud to have him as a faithful employee of CCC!



**Castlewoods Men's Golf Association**  
Will begin it's evening scramble on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 followed by a meeting at 8 pm. Call the golf shop to sign up, today!

 **We're Wired!!!** 

Visit your club online at [castlewoodscountryclub.com](http://castlewoodscountryclub.com). In order to help you keep informed about club happenings and contacts, please refer to our web site.

We would like to update our membership directory since we have had many new members join recently. If you would like to be included, please submit your name, address, telephone number and email address to Max Maxwell at:

[fmaxwell@castlewoodscountryclub.com](mailto:fmaxwell@castlewoodscountryclub.com). The membership directory is for the private use only of the members of Castlewoods Country Club and is not to be reproduced or used in any manner for solicitation.

Future newsletters may be downloaded from the websites. We will continue to mail printed copies to those without internet access.

### **Men's Match Play Club Championship**

will be held during the month of June. Championship flight will be limited to the low 16 players to qualify.

To qualify you must play a qualifying 18 hole round from the blue tees on or before June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Just announce to Bill or Jim that you are qualifying before you play and turn in your attested scorecard after the round. You may attempt to qualify up to three times. All other flights will be determined by handicap. We will leave scheduling of the first two matches up to the participants. Round one will be played on or before June 10<sup>th</sup>. Round two will be played on or before June 17<sup>th</sup>. The semifinal and the final round are scheduled on June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Entry fee will be \$40 and does not include cart fees. Call the golf shop to sign up and for more details at 992-1942.

### **RECIPROCIITY AGREEMENT**

As in the past, we have a reciprocal agreement with the University Club. Castlewoods Country Club members may dine at no additional expense, other than food charged back to your member number. The following paragraph outlines the golf arrangement extended to their members.

Effective March 1, 2004 any member/members of the University Club shall be granted a special arrangement with Castlewoods Country Club. Each such member will be able to use the facilities of the golf club subject to the terms of the current reciprocity agreement. The green fees shall be ONE HALF (1/2) off of the normal green fees established for guests of members plus cart fees at full or regular price.

Members of the University Club shall also be granted the right to participate in Member-Only Clinics, participate in all Member events except the Castlewoods Club Championship or any other events specified or determined by the management of Castlewoods Country Club.

### **REMINDER:**

No onesomes or twosomes will be allowed to play on the Bear 18 prior to 3pm on Fridays, Saturdays, or Sundays. If available, they may be combined with another such group on the Bear or allowed to play on the Moose nine.

Please call the golf shop for more information and make your plans accordingly. Thank you.