

Moose Memo

Now that the golf season is in full swing, The activity around the club has really increased in the past couple of weeks. This is a good sign of things to come for the summer and the golf course is really looking great. For one more month, we are going to continue our new membership drive with no initiation fee required as long as you sign a one year contract when joining. That is a \$1,000 savings and by the end of May this membership special will end. So now is the time to get your friends and family signed up. The swimming pool will be opening up soon for the summer beginning this Memorial Day weekend. You may also have noticed in the past week or two that we have been having several one day outings at the club and we appreciate everyone's support and patience during this busy time of the outing season. As everyone knows this is our busiest part of the season as well as a very important time for the club to gain the necessary revenues to pay off many of the start up bills we incur at the beginning of the golf season. It is also a great time to show off our club to prospective new members and again we appreciate your support. This is also the time of the year when we start scheduling our tournaments for the year. In fact our first big event for the year will be the Castlewoods Member/Guest on May 23 & 24. Registration forms are in the pro shop and this year's event will be open to the first 60 two-man teams to sign up. The two day event will be a four-ball format with ten teams for each flight. Lunch will be served both days on the course and a Saturday night dinner and dance promises to be one of the many highlights of the weekend. Speaking of weekends, our Happy Hours have been great and it seems that every Friday night we just get more and more participation in this event. At last it seems that we have hit upon something that allows more social functions within the club and we hope to see you again Friday.

Of course we also serve dinner each Friday and our Chef, Keith, always seems to bring out great meals with several different selections each Friday for everyone to enjoy. If you haven't been able to attend yet, make plans and join in on the fellowship and fun.

I have been asked on several occasions about having a calendar for each month published. Of course we are always adding events during the month but we always have a calendar of events published on our web page. Just click on to our website at Castlewoodscountryclub.com and click on the calendar of events to view the schedule. I would also like to take a few minutes and give thanks for all the hard work that Mike and his crew have been doing in preparing the golf course for this season. With the grass growing at a record pace, the course is looking great. You may have also noticed that the maintenance crew and cart staff are looking good in their new Castlewoods' uniforms. Now if my golf swing will start looking good you will not hear me complaining. The weather has been great too and if you are not taking advantage of these conditions, What are you waiting for? This week will mark the end of the high school golf season at the club and we will be playing state at Reunion this next week on the 6th and 7th. It looks like it boils down to the same three teams each year and if you want to watch some good high school golf, this is the last chance to attend this year. Good luck to our kids at NW Rankin and thanks again for all the support we have received this season. As many of you may also know, this is the beginning of the event season for C.C.C. If you are thinking about your next meeting, reception, reunion or any type function, please call the club at 601-992-1942 for more information. Now get out there and play some golf and I hope to see you soon on the course!

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JAY'S CORNER

GOLF TIP OF THE MONTH

Uneven Lies—Ball Below the Feet. Playing a shot when the ball is lying lower than the feet is one of the harder shots in golf and it's easy to understand why. Beginning golfers find it easier to contact the ball if it's raised in the air or on a tee, more difficult when it's on the ground. Now, in the ball below the feet lie, it's actually lower than ground level. The tendency is for the ball to be topped, pushed or push-sliced. To make the proper compensations for a ball positioned below the feet you should:

1. Go to the full length on the grip.
2. Stand close enough to the ball to easily reach it with the club head.
3. Angle the body close to perpendicular to the ground, but sit deeper in the knees at address and let the weight feel more on the heels.
4. Keep the suspension radius constant. Don't pull up or fall forward.
5. Aim to the left an amount relative to the tilt of the clubface and allow the ball to go to the right.

Note: this will be opposite for the lefty!

How much should a player aim right or left on these shots? The answer will come from practice, but here is a way that may help. Select a club and mimic with the palm of your hand in the air the club's loft and the soling of it on uneven terrain. Carefully note the amount of deflection the face presents from the target line. Compensate that amount plus a bit more for the curve, then swing naturally.

Upcoming May Events:

Saturday May 16th—Demo Day on the driving range 11:00 to 3:00 PM.
Saturday & Sunday May 23, 24th—CCC Member/Guest Fourball - Tee times for both days. Any regular play will begin in the PM.
Monday, May 25th—Memorial Day—Course will be open for regular play

Looking forward to seeing you at the club. Jay Jordan, Head Golf Pro

TURF TALK by Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

I can hear it now, "You said Hybrid Bermuda grass doesn't grow from seed." And I am right but that doesn't mean it will not put out a seed every year. Hybrid Bermuda will seed every year for the most part but the seed is sterile. Why, I don't know, they just told me that when I was in school. Never the less they do pose an aesthetic problem on the golf course. They just plain look ugly and they pop up over night. This is all part of the natural life cycle of all plants. What can we do about it? Growth regulators and herbicide applications help curb the growth of seed heads but also hinder the growth of the plant itself and at a time of the year when we want the plant to grow as much as possible this is not an option for us. The best we can do is mow the seed heads off. We do this much as possible but like I said they pop up over night so it is extremely difficult if not impossible for us to have them gone everyday. It won't be long and this part of the cycle will be over. This past week the weather has been getting better and we have seen a mild

Flush of growth particularly on the greens. This is exactly what we want. Soon there will be enough grass on the greens to start our cultural practices. This would involve shallow verti-cutting, grooming, and yes, aerifying the greens. This will all be done to give us the best possible playing conditions on the course as well as keep our grass healthy. As I have maintained in the past the transition period in spring is not on our timetable. It seems this year to me we are very lucky. We came out of winter so well and I am expecting a quick transition. The health of the turf looks good and it won't be long before everything is in tiptop shape.

With the start of the golf season it is time for everyone to get out to the course and try it. The weather is perfect and with all the activity at the clubhouse, this is a great time to bring your friends and enjoy. I have been at the club for a few Happy Hours and I can tell you my wife and I have been having a great time. I have even played a few rounds this year and I can tell you from a golfers standpoint, the course is in great shape, so come out and enjoy.
Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

Castlewoods Tennis News

Tournament News

April was a great month of tennis for the Bennett family, as Dan and Christie competed in the Southern Farm Life NTRP Spring Classic at Bridges Tennis Center. In the men's 3.5 doubles, Dan finished in 1st place by defeating the # 2 seeded team by a score of 6-0, 6-1 in the semifinals and the # 1 seed 6-3, 6-4 in the finals. Not to be outdone, Christie placed first in the ladies 3.0 doubles in a field that comprised of 16 teams! The finals came down to a third set tie-breaker where Christie's mental toughness proved to be too tough for her competitors. Immediately following her ladies final, Christie was right back on the court with her mixed doubles partner where they came up a bit short in the finals of the 7.0 mixed. Maybe next year she will consider playing with Dan to have an all family sweep of the tournament!

Upcoming Local USTA Events

1. Cascades Jr Spring Challenge (May 8)-BG(18-8)s, FMLC. Deadline-May 5
2. River Hills Southern Senior Mens and Womens Clay Court Open (May 13)-MW(30-85)sd x (35,45,55,65)Doubles. May 7 dl
3. Cool Jelly NTRP Summer Classic-Parham Bridges Tennis Ctr. (May 22)-NM(3.0-5.0)d, FMLC;NW(2.5-4.5)d, FMLC;Combo Mx(5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0)d, FMLC. Deadline-May 20.

Junior News

Summer Tennis Camp Schedule for June: Week 1-June 9-11 & Week 2-June 23-25

Future Stars: Age 4-6, Time: 8:15-9:00, Cost \$30.

Court Stars: Age 7-13, Time: 9:30-11:00, Cost: \$50.

May 23 Adult Member/Guest Mixer

Monthly Tennis Tip - Taking Two Serves

When a distraction occurs while a point is in play, you should stop immediately and say, "Let's start over and play two serves." If you ignore the distraction and play on, don't ask your opponent to play two after you lose the point, even if the distraction threw you off. Immediately ask to play two, or don't ask at all. Either player can stop the action to take two, no matter who is serving.

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