

MESSAGES from MAX



There are still plenty of spots available for the Castlewoods Men's Fall Festival Golf Tournament scheduled for Saturday and Sunday November 12th and 13th. The format shall be a two-man, two day, 6-6-6 tournament with six holes of shamble, six holes of fourball and six holes of a modified alternate shot. The entry fee will be \$250 per team plus cart fee and flights will be made after the first rounds play. Entry forms are now available in the golf shop. Fun, great weather and a nice social are in store for those of you that do plan to play. This will be an excellent chance to introduce a prospective member to the club! Sign up today.

Several members have decided to take advantage of our membership drive and sign up new members last month. Enticing our current members with three months of free dues for each new member they sign up has really taken off. For those of you who missed last month's newsletter and haven't heard, for every new member that YOU sign up during this month or December, you will receive three months of YOUR dues waived. Sign up four new members and pay no dues for an entire year. Plus the new member won't have to pay any dues until January of 2006. The only restrictions are that they must sign a one year contract

and they fall in either the \$185/month or \$195/month categories. Once they start paying dues in January, your dues will be postponed in February for three months, if they continue to be a member. If you want to bring a prospective member out to play during this month, just call me and set up a tee time and we'll allow that person to play for cart fee only. I promise you, there will never be a better time to sign up a friend at Castlewoods.

During this great fall weather is an excellent time to tune up your game a little. Our PGA teaching professional Jay Jordon's schedule is less crowded now and it's easier for him to 'fit you in'. There's a reason that our club handicap average has dropped 1.7 since this time last year. The reason is that Jay is probably one of the top 5 golf instructors in the Southeast. His ability to communicate his golf swing knowledge to his students is unsurpassed. Call Jay today and allow him to show you what he learned while teaching beside the likes of Hank Haney, David Ledbetter, Rick Smith, Jimmy Ballard and the legendary putting guru Dave Pelz.

Congratulations are in order for our new Castlewoods Fall Couples Tournament Champions, Helen and Duke Simmons after firing a 64. Second place went to Sam and

Carrie Jones with a 66 and 3rd place went to Travis and Jeanne Taylor with a 67 (which was helped by a HOLE-IN-ONE by Jeanne on #15). The net division was won by Christian Cowan and Janette Berg with a 50. Second place in net went to Charlie and Margaret Carnaghie with a 51 and third place went to Larry and Nancy Bain with a 51.

With Christmas being just around the corner, we are having a golf apparel sale in the golf shop during the week of Thanksgiving. New shipments of Oxford Golf, Cutter & Buck, Footjoy Mocks, and Ashworth have just been received that include winter and summer wear. This is what every dad/husband/son wants for Christmas, so take this opportunity to save 10% by clipping the coupon out of page two of this newsletter and coming out during the week of November 22-27. He'll certainly enjoy this present for many months ahead.

November is a great month for golf in Mississippi. The course is in excellent condition, the weather is great and we can't wait to have y'all out!

Happy Thanksgiving,
Max Maxwell

TURF TALK by Mike Stupica, Golf Course Superintendent

The end of the golf season is here and you may have noticed we have tried to finish a few things before the rains set in. I think we had an extremely productive summer. The course was in great shape and play was up from last year. My crew did an excellent job this summer. We worked some long hard hours at times and I am sure they are ready to settle down with some time off to enjoy their families during the holiday season.

Soon the leaves will be falling and we will have our blowers going. The problem with this is we are running out of places to blow them. There has been considerable development around the course in the past few years, which has left us with limited areas to dispose of debris. Our first priority will be to keep the "in play" areas as clean as possible. The problem with this is we don't always keep our balls in the "in play" areas. I will assure you we will make every effort to clean up as we can and by the end of the year we should have most everything out of the way for us not so straight golfers.

There has been a request for me to better explain some of our maintenance practices. In particular aerification. There are several reasons for the **necessity** of aerification, among them, are relief from compaction, reduce thatch, relieve surface tension, improve percolation, gas exchange in the soil profile, and the list goes on and on. I could spend several pages on the importance of each of these issues but I am sure most of you would rather hear me say we won't ever aerify again. That is not going to happen. As a matter of fact I think it is so important I would like to do it more often. (I can hear the noose being tied from here.)

We must first always remember that we are trying to manipulate a grass to do something it doesn't want to do. That is being cut at a 1/8th of an inch everyday and let people trample on it constantly. The grass itself wants to grow to its full life cycle. All plants want to do this. On the golf course we cannot achieve a desired outcome if all our grasses were to grow to their potential. The maintenance we do on the greens in particular

is enough, if let alone, to kill the grass. So we must find ways to keep the grass happy enough to stay alive while we achieve our desired outcome, which are hard fast greens. Aerification is one of the best things we can do to help ensure the grass's survival.

I would like to get a little deeper because someone asked me, "What is gas exchange and why is it so important?" When I refer to gas I don't mean what you put in your car but rather atmospheric gas most commonly known as air. Yes the air we breathe is equally as important to the grass as it is to us. The plant needs oxygen to burn food. The burning of food is done in the roots, which happen to be below ground. We know that if anything burns it needs oxygen. Over time the plant will deplete the oxygen in the soil to a point where it cannot burn enough food to sustain enough quality leaf tissue for us to maintain our objective. The best way to replenish the oxygen is to aerify.

There are several types of tines that can be used. They range in sizes and shapes to suit a particular need. My decisions on the type of tine to use are based on the necessities we experience here. They will correlate with all the other conditions we are trying to improve on our greens when we aerify.

If you have any questions about aerifying or anything else for that matter please call me and I will be happy to talk with you.

Mike Stupica

Golf Course Superintendent

LOOK Christmas SALE

November 22–27th

10% Off our
already low prices
on all
Golf Apparel

Cash, credit or debit
cards only, please.

Clip coupon to save
10% on your total
purchase during this
sale.

November Billing and Statements

In October we converted our point of sale system and membership services accounting system to Integrated Business Solutions. This change required us to manually enter any sales that occurred during the down time and all member charges prior to the system change over. Some of the dates on your statement may not coincide with the dates that you actually made purchases or charges. Your patience during this change over will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any question please call Joyce or Melissa at 601-992-1942.

BANQUET FACILITIES



Planning a company Christmas Party, Milestone Anniversary, Birthday, or Wedding Reception?

Consider having your next special event at Castlewoods Country Club.

Please contact **Melissa** at 992-5334 to reserve the banquet room.



FALL COUPLE TOURNAMENT

RESULTS:

GROSS DIVISION:

1st—Duke and Helen Simmons-64

2nd—Sam and Carrie Jones-66

3rd—Travis and Jeanne Taylor-67

4th—Robin and Elsa Foley-70

NET DIVISION:

1st—Christian Cowan & Janette Berg-50

2nd—Charlie and Margaret Carnaghie-51

3rd—Larry and Nancy Bain-51

4th—Jim and Barbara Ragan-52

CONGRATULATIONS to Jeannie Taylor for a Hole-In-One on the 93 yard Hole #15 with a 9 iron.



Vandalism and unauthorized use of the golf course is a constant problem at our club. Please help us control this problem by calling the golf shop at 992-1942 and reporting any abuse that you notice. Remember to register in the golf shop before playing. All guests are required to pay a guest fee before playing. Carts are required to return to the cart paths at the orange lines painted in front of the greens and remain on the paths beyond the next tee. Practicing is only allowed in designated areas and not on the course. Please help us enforce these rules so that we are able to continue to maintain your course in top condition, avoid having to initiate fines for such abuse, and continue to operate at our current dues levels.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 3, Thursday Kids Chance 4Man Scramble –Noon Shotgun

November 5 & 6, Sat./Sun. MGA Jr. Cup Matches

November 12 & 13, Sat./Sun. CCC Fall Festival—4Ball

November 17, Thurs. Brandon Mayor’s Youth Council—1pm Shotgun

November 19, Saturday CLGA Turkey Shoot

November 24th, Thursday **HAPPY THANKSGIVING !**

Club Closed

November 26th, Saturday Private Party—5:30 pm

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

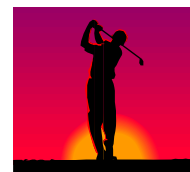
Scotty Tapscot, Jim Weems

SUPERINTENDENT—Mike Stupica 992-1937

TEACHING PROFESSIONAL — Jay Jordan 992-1942

TENNIS CENTER—Buck Boyd 992-5993

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



Tips from the Golf Pro by Jay Jordan

WHAT’S IMPORTANT IN PUTTING?

The body’s physical requirements for putting are minimal. Golfers with low levels of strength and flexibility can be accomplished putters, though not able to drive a golf ball over 200 yards. In fact, putting and the accompanying short shots around the green are the beautiful equalizers between the power and finesse players in the game of golf. It is not the mechanical requirements that separate the poor from the great putters. With practice, anyone can develop a solid, repeating, mechanical stroke. The problem is that few will make the effort, and even if they do, they still may fall short of being superior putters because there are requirements beyond the mechanical stroke which they fail to master. A successful putter must also have the ability to judge slope, the sensitivity to feel the proper speed, and the courage to act on his decision once it has been made. So, the requirements for superior putting are more challenging than may first appear to the new player. However, by themselves, the mechanics are relatively straight forward.

Golf course living at its finest !

Castlewoods Development, LLC., is currently developing home sites in Woodlands Glen Part Three, The Pinnacle Of Woodlands Glen and Willow Crest. Golf course home sites are currently available in Woodlands Glen Part Three. There are new homes currently available on and off the golf course built by some of the area’s finest homebuilders. Beginning in early summer of 2005, home sites will be available in The Pinnacle Of Woodlands Glen and also in Willow Crest. For more information please contact Randy Berg at 601-594-5648.

Castlewoods golf course home sites now available

