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## Hours of Operation

PRO SHOP—Summer Hours  
Tuesday—Friday 7:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday 6:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

### TRADITIONS

Tuesday—Friday 8:30 a.m.—10:00 p.m.  
Saturday 7:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m.  
Sunday 7:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m.  
Kitchen closes at 9:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday  
Kitchen closes at 8:00 p.m. Sunday

### POOL

Friday 11:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m.  
Saturday—Thursday 11:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

We are on the WEB at  
[www.croftonclub.com](http://www.croftonclub.com)

# Crofton Country Club

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410-721-3111 | 301-261-0119 | 410-721-5899 (fax)

## 2008 Guest Fee Rates (Effective April 1, 2008)

Weekday (Tuesday-Thursday)	
Before 12:00	\$55.00
12:00-3:00	\$45.00
After 3:00	\$35.00
Wednesday Guest Special Day	
Before 3:00	\$40.00
After 3:00	\$25.00
Weekend (Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Holidays)	
Before 12:00	\$75.00
12:00-3:00	\$55.00
After 3:00	\$40.00
Couples Special Weekend Rate	
After 5:00	\$25.00
9 Hole Rates (After 12:00 p.m. only)	
Weekday	\$25.00
Weekend	\$35.00

## 2008 Tee Time Policy

Weekday Tee Times—Up to one week in advance or stop by the shop.

Weekend Tee Times—Requests may be submitted up to the Wednesday prior by the Close of Business. The “Draw” will be processed on Thursday morning. You may call after 12 p.m. on Thursday to check on exact tee times for the weekend.

# Crofton Country Club Newsletter

## A Message From Your General Manager

July 2008

“Full With Wait List” – FWWL. Crofton Country Club has been full since June 2007. However, with the trends that I see we will not be full after September. We have 6 members leaving us effective the end of July, which will bring our numbers down to 434 full golf members. Based on normal attrition we will drop below 425 by September. What does this mean to **your** club? Remember that all wait list dues go directly to the Cap Fund – should we fall below 425 this will dry up the money going into the fund substantially. Without the waitlist portion of the Cap Fund we will see no major Cap Fund projects in 2009.

Crofton Country Club is the best value in the area. As an “Invitation Only” club, we need your help in referring member candidates. We’ve worked hard to get the course in pristine playing condition. We are constantly making improvements to the club’s amenities. This month we will complete a kitchen renovation and we anticipate starting the dining room expansion project 1st quarter 2009. Please forward to Matt or myself names and contact information of member candidates you’d like us to extend and “invitation” to. The future of the club is tied in directly to our ability to get friends and neighbors to join.

To sweeten the pot, I will give a 2 month cart pass for both the referring member and the new member for September and October for the next 15 new members to join. We are at a crossroads – do we want to continue moving forward with the progress of the last 12 months or do we want to slip back below FWWL.

I am hopeful that we will have a new Membership Director in place by August 1<sup>st</sup>. In the meantime call either Matt Hoffmann or myself with your membership candidates.

Richard Sheffler, General Manager

“Rally for the Cure golf tournament  
on Wednesday, July 16”



## Golf News

### A-TEAM MATCHES

The Men's A-team will begin its summer matches on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> 2008 in search of the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive WMGA A-team Title. Please feel free to come out and watch the matches and help support the team.

### PACE OF PLAY

The Professional staff is constantly monitoring the pace of play situation very closely and all in all the play at Crofton has been quite good. Every now and then we have our problems like most all clubs will. We have instituted constant roving monitors on the course every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday during the busiest time of day. Mike Parise our weekend starter does an excellent job of tracking exact starting, turn, finish times. Most weekends we manage to keep a less than 4 ½ hour pace through the noon hour and that is usually with a full tee sheet. Every now and then a group will fall out of position and to them it's not that big of a problem.....right..... "WRONG". We do not use starter times so that we can accommodate more members, so that means consecutive tee times, no breaks, and when the course is like that every minute that you lose, everyone else loses it as well. We can never make those lost minutes up unless we get no shows and we certainly don't want that. This is exactly why we have faster pace of play guidelines on the weekend mornings. Naturally we will lose some time during the course of the day with normal play. (Players searching for lost balls...etc) Please remember that everyone is responsible for pace of play and especially when you have guests out, let them know that here at Crofton, the minimum expectation is 4 hours. You are encouraged to let faster groups through and let our staff know the minute you see a problem developing.

Finally, 2-somes and singles have *no right of way* on the course. The acceptable standard is 4 players and the pace of play is based on that. Even with constant monitoring we cannot prevent all problems; however, we will do our best.

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*"Your place on the golf course is  
behind the group in front of you—  
not in front of the group behind you."*

### GUEST SPECIALS

Wednesday is and has been our guest Special Day. The guest fee is only \$40.00 all day until 3pm. Starting July 8<sup>th</sup> and running till the end of the month on every other day of the week our guest fees will include a 1 complimentary appetizer per guest up to a maximum of 2 appetizers per foursome. (Offer not good on Wednesdays with use of guest special rate)

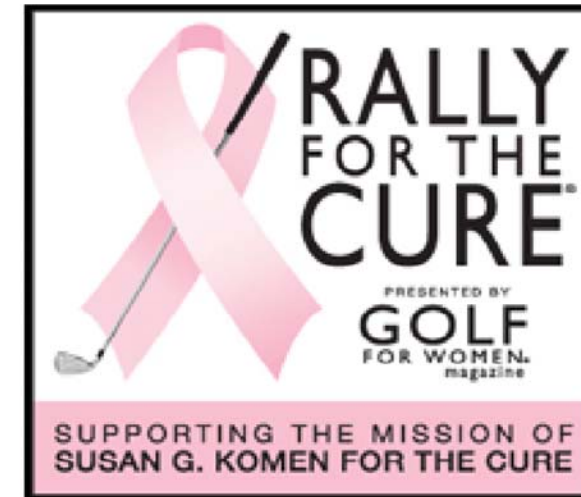
### PARTNERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Please remember to check out the latest points standings posted in the Pro Shop, Bulletin Board, and on the website to see who the top players are in the point standings. The top five at the end of the season will win that all expense paid trip to PGA National in Florida to represent Crofton in the Partners Championship.

*Matt Hoffmann, Head Golf Professional*

# Crofton Country Club and the Ladies of the Evening

## Sponsor A 9-hole Golf Tournament To Benefit



**Wednesday July 16th 2008**

**Registration 3:00 p.m.**

**Shot Gun Tee Time 4:30 p.m.**

**Entry Fee - \$60 per person or \$225 per 4-person team**

**Prizes awarded to the first place men's, women's and coed team and for the closest to the pin contest.**

**Entry forms and sponsor information available via email.**

?? Questions??  
Contact the Rally Coordinator Sue Davis.  
Email: [runwithsue@comcast.net](mailto:runwithsue@comcast.net)  
Phone: 410-419-5402

### Upcoming Events

July 8-10

Junior Golf

July 14-17

MSGAWomen's Amateur Championship

July 16

Rally for the Cure Tournament 4:30 Shotgun

July 18

Family Night at the Pool 4-7 p.m.

July 19

Johns Hopkins Breast Cancer Research Center Gala

8—12 midnight

July 22-24

Junior Golf

July 26

Four Tees Tournament

July 27

Swim Team Banquet

### Social Committee

**THE** Social Committee meets every month at 7:30 p.m. during the Cocktails @ Crofton Mixers. Serving on the Committee are Wendy Baldwin, Marie Barton, Roxanne McClanahan, Susan Schwob, Marie Burgett, Sue Mose, Cindi Johnston, Andrea Phillip, Karen Sullivan and Ginger Martin. You are welcome to attend our meetings. You can also contact us via email at [ccsocialcmte@aol.com](mailto:ccsocialcmte@aol.com). We would appreciate hearing from you.

Your membership not only entitles you to dining in Traditions but attending all of the social events the club offers such as Seafood Night Buffets, Italian Buffets, Holiday Brunches, Holiday Parties and of course the monthly mixers held the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. This is an adult only event.

As a reminder, you must have a Photo Identification Card to enter the pool area. If you already have an ID card from last year, you will be receiving stickers that must be affixed to each card when you have paid your dues. If you need to schedule time for your photo to be taken, please contact the Country Club offices at 410-721-3111.

*Sharon Puckett, Chairperson*

**COUPLES TWILIGHT**



Every Friday at 5:30 p.m.  
Join us for a some Fun and Food!  
Everyone is Welcome!  
Please call the Pro Shop on Thursday to Sign Up.

### Ambassador Committee

**WE** will not be hosting a “Cocktails @ Crofton” during the month of July. However, we will return in August with an outdoor event. Please look for emails with details about the August mixer.

*Grace Wetterman, Chairperson*



“Swim Team Banquet July 27<sup>th</sup>”

“2008 Junior Golf Academy  
Go to our website for details”



“Crofton Country Club will  
Host the Maryland State Golf  
Association 87<sup>th</sup> Women's  
Amateur Championship July  
14-17, 2008”

### Your Name in Lights on the Big Screen

**THAT’S** right, how would you like to see your name in lights up on the big screen? Join the Adopt-a-Hole program and you too will be famous.

We are pleased to announce the 2008 Adopt-a-Hole program. Sponsorships will be accepted in the pro-shop until June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 on a first come, first serve basis. There are only 19 opportunities to be famous. Sign up early.

Each hole sponsor (practice area is hole 19) will have their name proudly displayed on the Big Screen for all to see. The Big Screen will be painted on the front side of the starter building for everyone to acknowledge your contribution to the club every time they play! But wait there is more. Every month the membership and the grounds crew will vote on the Best of the Best. Each month two winners from the Adopt-a-Hole Sponsors [one front nine, one back ten] will be presented with a one week “free cart pass\*”. Each monthly winner will receive a special acknowledgement on the Big Screen during their winning month.

So come on out; show how much you care about your club; we will show how much we care about you, and you too can have your name in lights on the Big Screen.

*John Filardo, Chairman Greens & Grounds*

**BUNCO!**

... is on vacation and will return in September

Contact Grace Wetterman for details:  
[gwettermom@aol.com](mailto:gwettermom@aol.com)

## Turf Talk

### INTRODUCTION

We are almost halfway through the summer growing season as the heat and humidity become the norm. Some of the late spring weather has felt just like summer weather. The periods of heavy rain and high temperatures made for some new challenges for the Maintenance Department, but the golf course is holding up great. This is the time of the year that several adjustments to mowing schedules, watering practices, and chemical spray applications take place to insure playability throughout the summer. In 2008 the number of post-emergent weed controls tripled because the May showers also brought about June weeds like Nut sedge and Clover.

### MOWING HEIGHTS: NO CHANGE

This is the time of the year to make some adjustments to mowing practices to insure playability throughout the season; however, we do not plan on changing the mowing heights. One change that is made involves the types of rollers we use for the greens' mowers. During the spring, early summer, and fall we use Whiele Rollers because their grooves provide an aggressive cut on the greens to compensate for the high rate of growth during the seasons. However, in the summer we only need to maintain the height of cut and use as little stress to do it.

The solid rollers are key to keeping the greens smooth, but the less aggressive cut can make the greens a bit slower. We compensate the reduction in speed with growth regulators and rolling more frequently. The net effect is zero to the golfers on most any day.



*The new mowing equipment is having an impact. On #11, the rough is much more consistent with the new mower and the walk-mowed approach is much tighter. Currently the "wait list" dues are contributing \$4,000/month to the Membership Fund, but it could earn as much as \$7,000/month with a full wait list.*

I also receive a few questions about the height of cut for the rough. The rough seems shorter, yet thicker. Because the Maintenance Department is able to mow the rough more frequently, with a better quality, and improved irrigation coverage keeps the grass moist; now the rough is very consistent throughout the golf course. Although it will naturally thin out for the summer, the rough will bounce back quickly in September. The rough is usually thinner than normal outside of the reaches of our irrigation, but the heavy amounts of rain have maintained the far reaches of rough approaching the summer season.



*A grooved, Whiele Roller (left) and the solid roller, used in the summer (right)*

### PM WATERING: AKA "SYRINGING"

Supplying too much water at night can increase risk for disease and mechanical mower damage from mowing wet turf in the morning. Although enough water is applied at night to meet the plant's water needs; the Maintenance Department will be syringing the fairways in the afternoon with the sprinklers to cool the turf. The goal of watering during the day is not to give the plant water, but to use water's ability to remove heat from the turf like a car's radiator. Short intervals of water (3 to 6 minutes per head) are usually needed once or twice a day. All of our fairway stations run from green to tee and are about 25 yards apart. If the set of heads 25 yards in front of you are running, beware that you are probably next. The Maintenance Department will make every attempt to impact as few golfers as possible while syringing.

### SPRAY APPLICATIONS

Although we spray most of the year for various diseases and other pests, the summer time is critical for disease prevention. There are currently no active or in-active diseases on the course; every application is a preventative treatment. Due to increased pressure for high temperature diseases like pythium and brown patch, the Maintenance Department is spraying more frequently, with high-end fungicides, through the end of August. Several additional herbicide applications will also be applied to combat the increase weed pressure.

### PRACTICE AREA REMINDERS

The Practice Area is now receiving heavy use daily. It is closed for Monday outings and several outside tournaments. Please remember no range balls are allowed. All divots must be replaced, filled with sand, or both. Replacing and sanding will help maintain its playability throughout the summer. Please spread out your use. Don't drop dozens of balls in the same area. As some areas become too beaten up, it will be roped off, seeded, and top dressed. It may not reopen until it is healed. Turf's ability to heal itself is greatly reduced during the summer stress period. Because of the heavy use over the years the Maintenance Department has plans to build up the turf areas this fall; however, we want to have as much to work with in September as possible.



*"On hot, sunny days golfers can expect to see sprinkler heads cooling off the grass."*



*Gentlemen using the whole practice area while toting a bottle of sand with him*

*Phil White, Superintendent*