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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

June 2008

**COMMUNITY** and Charity are two cornerstones of what makes a both a Country Club and a town a place people want to call home. I can think of no finer example in Maryland then Crofton. A place with a strong community where neighbors are really neighbors not just people living in the same community. I feel the same way about Crofton Country Club where I believe we are more than a Country Club—we are an outreach to the whole Crofton community. I am a strong believer that the club and the membership should be a supporter of charitable events. With that being said there are three events coming up that need your support. On Wednesday July 16<sup>th</sup> the evening 9 hole women will be holding a Rally for the Cure golf tournament open both to women and men. Then on that Saturday night July 19<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a Gala to support the Johns Hopkins Breast Center. There will be information on both events included with this month's statement.

They say charity begins at home well nothing is closer to home than when one of our own members needs our support. As most of your know Sharon Puckett had a terrible accident on the golf course last month. Sharon has already gone through numerous operations and will face more and a long rehabilitation period. There will be a tournament on Monday August 11<sup>th</sup> in Sharon's Honor. You will be receiving more information within the next 2 weeks about this important event.

As most of you know Cathy Zaorski our Membership Director is leaving us to return to her native Connecticut. We wish Cathy the best of luck in her future endeavors. While we are looking for a new membership director, please contact either myself or Matt Hoffmann with any membership candidates.

Summer is here and temperatures are rising. Now is the perfect time for afternoon and evening golf. The daytime heat has subsided and the pace of play is quicker so play golf at Crofton.

Richard Sheffler, General Manager



"Crofton Country Club will  
Host the Maryland State Golf  
Association 87th Women's  
Amateur Championship July  
14-17, 2008"

## Upcoming Events

- June 10th—MISGA
- June 10th—House Committee Meeting @ 5 p.m.
- June 12th—Ambassador Committee Meeting @ 6 p.m.
- June 15th—Father's Day Golf Special (Call the Pro Shop)
- June 19th-21st—Member-Guest Tournament
- June 20th—Family Night at the Pool

## Golf News

**PARTNERS CHAMPIONSHIP** is under way and the with two strong performances in the first two events of the season, Matt Brady leads the way with 546 points. Opening Day really got the ball rolling with the highest point total being earned by Mike Moskal (364). It is easy to see that the larger the fields generate the opportunity to really rack up the points. The points days may be the best way to close the gaps on the field. Only 18 participants played in the first of 4 points days. John Wingard made the most of it and moved up from 15<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> place with his 23 points.

### “Partners Points Days” Schedule

PARTNERS POINTS DAY—June 14th

PARTNERS POINTS DAY—June 29th

SPORRE CUP—July 5th (2x Points Event)\*

FOUR TEES—July 26th (2x Points Event)\*

PARTNERS POINTS DAY—August 16th

PARTNERS CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL—August 31st (10x Points Event). *Only the top 30 in points will qualify for this final event!*

\* All team members earn the same points

PLUS—Refer a New Member to club from April 1st to September 1st and receive **50 bonus points!**

It’s not too late to get involved. The Sporre Cup and the Four Tees are events that typically fill out and that means the possibility to earn lots of points. Playing in the points days will allow you to catch up on the field. The Top 30 will get the opportunity to play in the final event and really turn the table with a 10x point Final.....So just get to the top 30 and anything can happen! For those of you who are in I wish you good luck and for those of you who are not.....I ask WHY?

*“2008 Junior Golf Academy sign ups begin June 10th. Go to our website for details”*



### Partners Championship Points Standings (Top 30)

1) Matt Brady	546
2) Rick George	514
3) Craig Sabo	499
4) Steve Wakefield	479
5) Mike Moskal	466
6) Don Patterson	432
7) Allan Bell	370
8) John Wingard	361
9) Larry Genovere	360
10) Dave Stob	360
11) Bill Pelletreau	358
12) Maureen Jones	357
13) Mike Fitzgibbons	352
14) Paul Gamble	336
15) Jeff Taylor	334
16) Robert Wright	334
17) Chris Cola	326
18) Chris Torin	326
19) Ron Airey	324
20) Francis Lagasse	318
21) Doug Walters	309
22) Scott Taggart	300
23) Vince Serio	300
24) John Harlow	296
25) Brian Sheehy	292
26) Lee Murray	292
27) Mark Langendorf	290
28) Trip Bailey	276
29) Harmon Bullard	264
30) Carol Parker	259

The Top 5 will earn the golf experience of a lifetime and represent Crofton in the Team Championship at PGA National in November.

*Matt Hoffmann, Head Golf Professional*

## 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 acknowledgment 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*

### COUPLES TWILIGHT



Every Friday Beginning May 2nd 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.

## Membership Corner

**CAN** you hear the music? Listen...it’s there. It’s the music that the Crofton Country Club makes every Summer. The splash of divers and “cannonballers”, the bounce of the basketball, the sound of a volleyball game, the ‘ping’ of the drive off #10 – are music to my ears. I sit in my office to this music each day and it tells me that our season is here.

Why wouldn’t you want to share all of this with someone you know. Many of our new Social members have come as a result of a visit to the pool last year or at the urging of a present member. *“The kids had such a good time last year that we just have to join this summer”.*

As of this writing we are still Full but we will be losing a few members over the next few months so there will be openings for your friends to come and join. As our Initiation Fee slowing creeps back up to where it once was - \$6000 – now is the time to get your friends to join. Every few months the Fee will increase as we fill up our ranks and wait list. I’ve had several inquiries from golfers who said *“boy, I should have joined last year when the Initiation was lower”.* That’s a phrase that will be repeated over the coming months, if you don’t refer your friends now....

We have plenty of invitations to membership that we would love to share with your friends. Please let Richard know who you would like to refer and he will make sure they receive an invitation. Check out Matt’s article to learn how referring members to the Club could get you a trip to Florida this coming November!!

Offering Crofton Country Club to member candidates has been a thrill. After showing them the conditions on the course, giving them a taste of the food, letting them hear the “music” it’s an easy sell. Our Full compliment of golfers is a testament to that. Keep talking up the Club and referring your friends. If you need me, I’ll be listening to the music!!

*Cathy Zaorski, Membership Director*

## Welcome New Members

John & Leah Arnold—*Brandon, Miranda & Hannah*

George & Peggy Acton

Ignazio & Rosa Bonanni—*Tonia & Fabiana*

David & Susan Callahan—*Brendan, Devin, Katie & Dylan*

Donna Cardona & Kevin Randolph—*John*

Tim & Teri Gregory—*Peter & Emma*

Steve & Diane Holcomb—*William*

Alan & Sonya Jennings—*Hunter, James, Chris & John*

Salvatore & Jennifer Lauria—*Sydney & Preston*

James & Mary-Ellen Overmier—*Mark & Tyler*

Kinsley Ovali—*Alima*

Tom & Mary Phillips—*Erin, Meg & John*

Curt & Karen Pendleton—*CJ & Rachael*

Frank & Theresa Saus

John & Kim Schmelzinger—*Jack & Grace*

Terry Shaw & Terry Duffy-Shaw—*Crystal*

Daniel & Chesney Wells—*Kristin & Kelly*

### BUNCO!

Thursday, May 26th, 6:30 p.m.

Contact Grace Wetterman for details:

[gwettermom@aol.com](mailto:gwettermom@aol.com)

## Crofton Senior Men's Association

A quick primer for those of you, who are not aware of the difference between the CSMGA and MISGA groups here at Crofton, let me explain! The Crofton Senior Men's Golf Association (CSMGA) is open to all male golfers over the ripe old age of 50. Membership in CSMGA automatically includes membership in the Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association (MISGA).

Mike Giuffrida is the President of CSMGA and Dave Stevenson is the Crofton Representative to MISGA.

Mike is responsible for all of the CSMGA events held at the Crofton Country Club which include: The Founders Cup, a CSMGA/CLGA Mixer, CSMGA Championship, The Memorial Tournament, CSMGA Member/Guest Tournament, and local events on Tuesdays and Fridays when there is not a MISGA event scheduled.

Dave Stevenson is responsible to schedule MISGA mixers both at home and away during the golf season. He typically schedules six home mixers where players from three or four other clubs come to Crofton on a Tuesday and more than twenty opportunities to play other clubs in the Maryland area. Some of these clubs are: Tantallon, Quail Valley, Rolling Road, Naval Academy, University of Maryland, Prospect Bay, Chartwell, Glade Valley, Hogs Neck, Norbeck and Patuxent Greens among others. Sign-up sheets are posted in the men's locker room.

Over the past month we have enjoyed playing at Quail Valley, Norbeck, Rolling Road, Naval Academy and Marlboro. The food served at some of these courses has been outstanding. Marlboro even provided free beer during lunch! The free beer was particularly welcome to Jim Conley who had his first career hole-in-one on the third hole, and it was on his birthday! How does it get better than that!

Every Friday morning at 9:00 is the weekly skins game. In order to preserve our tee times, please let the pro shop know of your desire to play no later than Thursday at noon. On June 10<sup>th</sup> there will be a mixer at Crofton with Quail Valley, Bear Creek (now Westminster National), Marlboro and Tantallon.

Membership in CSMGA and MISGA is a total of \$25.00. Joining CSMGA is the ticket to a fun group of guys and also your opportunity to play many courses in the State that are normally off limits except to members. Applications are available on the bulletin board near the entrance to the pro shop. We now have 110 members! Join the fun! Participate in as many outings as your time and body will allow.

## Ambassador Committee

**MAY'S** "Spring into Summer" Cocktails at Crofton was a great success! Chuck Woods and Dan Werner did a wonderful job to make it a fun evening for all. Thanks to both of you.

Due to a Corporate event this month, the Ambassador Committee will not be hosting Cocktails @ Crofton in June. Please mark your calendars for July and look for reminders for our July event.

Join us for Bunco on the 26th. (Note change of date.)

Grace Wetterman, Chairperson

## 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.

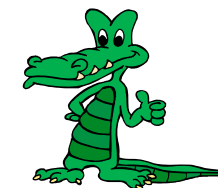
As a reminder, you must have a Photo Identification Card to enter the pool area. If you already have an ID card from last year, you will be receiving stickers that must be affixed to each card when you have paid your dues. If you need to schedule time for your photo to be taken, please contact the Country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

Sharon Puckett, Chairperson



"Swim Meet at Chartwell June 21st"

## CROCODILES SWIM TEAM!



Morning practice will begin Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>

Meet the Coach Night—Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>

First Meet is Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

For more information contact

Marie Burgett at [redskinsnurse1204@yahoo.com](mailto:redskinsnurse1204@yahoo.com)

## Ladies of the Evening

**THE** Crofton Ladies of the Evening and Crofton Country Club will be hosting the **Rally for the Cure** golf tournament on Wednesday July 16<sup>th</sup>, in support of the Susan G. Komen breast cancer awareness program. This will be a 9-hole competition including a closest to the pin contest. The cost will be \$60 per person or \$225 per team. Prizes will be awarded to the top Men's, Women's and Co-ed teams. We hope to fill the front-9 and the back-9 for this event so spread the word. More information please go to our website at [www.croftonclub.com](http://www.croftonclub.com)

"Rally for the Cure golf tournament  
on Wednesday, July 16"



## Turf Talk

### INTRODUCTION

Every month I write an article for the newsletter, but before I start I always read the last month's article and the article from the same month the year before. It was very interesting reading this time around to say the least. So I figured this month's article will best served as a measuring stick from last year as well as a base line for future progress.



*By June of 2007, the first hole benefited greatly from several improvements including new sod, tree clearing, and improved turf coverage. Now in June of 2008 most of the golf course has made the same leaps in turf quality.*

### HOW DID WE GET THIS FAR?

Last season, our goal was to maintain playability throughout the golf season. We accomplished our goal. Weak areas of the golf course were evaluated and changed such as #17 tee box, the irrigation system, fairway drainage, and increased area movement.



*Because of higher turf quality around the golf course, definition of fairways, approaches, roughs, and bunkers has improved greatly.*

Over the last five years this membership has been working hard to grow membership and take advantage of the Membership Fund. Currently the fund is growing by more the \$10,000 each month! Most of the money is generated by the Replacement Members in which the Fund collects 100% of the dues from new members waiting for a full membership spot to open.

The members of the Board of Governors, the Greens Committee, and the Membership Fund Committee have spent many volunteer hours working to communicate the goals of the membership to the Golf Course Maintenance Department, grow the membership along with the Fund, and communicate the process of improvements to the members. I would like to thank them for all of their efforts and challenge everyone to continue to work to move forward.

### WHAT TO EXPECT THIS YEAR

In last May's newsletter, I had this same category and the bottom line was to expect some problems and expect good playability, but this year expect much more. Mother Nature is always in control, I work for her most of the time; however, I have some base line goals and expectations.



*Little air movement, poor water management, and high disease pressure can lead to turf loss and lack of playability like #9 Fairway in 2006.*



*Dense turf can tolerate aggressive cultural practices such as growth regulators to kill poa annua, low moisture for firmness, and frequent mowing.*

Weed control will again make huge improvements. Wet springs generally bring more weeds in the early months, but the extra rain also helps breed a healthy stand of turf able to tolerate the harsh herbicide treatments. I am already seeing this as the case this season, although (with the exception of clover) many of the weeds are pretty small when we take them out. Turf density will continue to improve. Over the last two years we have mowed the fairways at the same height. At first they seemed thin and tight, and now they are becoming much more forgiving. Last year I felt as though we were able to maintain the course dry except for the second half of summer. If it does stop raining this year, I believe we will be drier for a longer period of time. Humidity is the enemy of keeping the course dry; however, the new irrigation system is our best weapon

### JUST A FEW REMINDERS

Please continue to repair ball marks and replace divots. All golf carts must follow the cart rules everyday to ensure quality playing conditions. Several offenders have offered poor excuse such as "just finding some shade" and "just picking up a ball". Cart traffic is a major culprit of poor conditions. The cart rules are designed to insure our success this season to have a fun and playable golf course all summer long. Enjoy the great weather ahead. Feel free to ask or e-mail any questions regarding the course or projects. I attend member mixers and I am available for a round of golf on Saturdays after 10 AM.

*Phil White, Superintendent*

"Golfers are required to exit the fairways at a 90 degree angle ... remain in the fairway until you reach the cart sign directing you off the course"



*The back on the 9th hole is very slow to green up this spring despite stimulation in 2007.*



*A change in turf species to rye grass has made 9th Back Tee Box meet the expectations of the golf course.*