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Hours of Operation

PRO SHOP—Spring Hours
Tuesday—Friday 8:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 7:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

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

We are on the WEB at
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

May 2008

IT'S with sadness that I report that Leslee Brady has stepped down from her position as Board of Governors President. Due to her work schedule, Leslee felt that she could not spend the time necessary to take on the task. Leslee did a great job in the last 18 months and her commitments to the betterment of the club will be missed. Leslee has agreed to continue as a board member and for that I am thankful. Our new Board President is Brian Sheehy, who has served on the board for the last two years. I know Brian will do a great job in his new position.

May is the month that everything really gets rolling here at Crofton CC. The golf course is in full bloom and all the hard work of the maintenance department since the beginning of the year is showing. We have a golf course that we all can be proud of, let's remember that as golfers we have a responsibility to help maintain it. Repair your divots, fix your ball marks and rake the traps after you play out of them. This not only includes the golf course, but our first class short game area as well. The short amount of time that it takes to do these tasks will pay huge dividends in the long term condition of our golf course.

The pool will open for the season on May 24th. Members will need a membership card to enter the pool. For those who had their pictures taken last year, we have stickers in the business office which will need to be affixed to the back of the card. Please bring your cards from last year and see Rachel Heath in the business office. Rachel will also be available to take pictures for any member who does not have a picture ID. Rachel can be reached at 410-721-3111 x206.

We now have a course ranger, Rick Mest, who will be monitoring pace of play Friday thru Sunday. Hopefully this will allow us to do a better job keeping play moving smoothly. Rick has been marshalling in Florida in the winter and should be a great addition to our team.

Effective May 10th the grill station will be out at the turn every Saturday and Sunday during the season from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Burgers and dogs along with sodas and the fixings will be available. You will still be able to get sandwiches at the turn, however, we ask that you call in the order when you reach the 8th tee.

Want to play 9 holes on a Wednesday night with your general manager? Starting in May, I will be playing a fun 9 holes with 3 members on Wednesday. Check the schedule and signup in the pro shop with Matt or Paula. I hope to see you all on the golf course enjoying our gem. I truly feel that this course is one of Maryland's best whether you're a low, medium or high handicapper. Play the correct tees and this is a great test.

Richard Sheffler, General Manager

Golf News

Greetings Crofton Golf Members,

IT is my pleasure to introduce the inaugural **Partners Championship**. This event is open to all full golf members. I strongly encourage everyone to participate and give yourself the opportunity to earn a spot on the team. I promise you that representing your club in this unique golf event is an experience that you will never forget. For full details and qualifying format, check out our website at www.croftonclub.com.

If you have any further questions feel free to contact me at the Pro Shop at 301-261-0119.

A reminder that **2008 MEMBER-GUEST Sign-Up** begins Tuesday, May 6th at 5:00 p.m.

Matt Hoffmann, Head Golf Professional

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 16th, 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

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



Ambassador Committee

SPRING is here and with that come a lot of activities that keep us very busy. School concerts, Proms, final exams are just around the corner. If your kids are on their own, that means more time for golf and yard work; in that order, of course!

We realize this is a busy time for most of us, but please make sure you set aside a couple of hours on the last Thursday of each month and join us for our monthly Cocktails @ Crofton Mixer.

We had approximately 10 new members at the April New Member Orientation along with a good turnout from our current membership. Please talk up our mixers with your fellow members and join us for an evening of fun and friendship.

Chuck Woods and Dan Werner are hosting our May Mixer. Come on out to "Spring into Summer" at Crofton on May 22nd. It should be a lot of fun. I look forward to seeing you then.

Grace Wetterman, Chairperson

Membership Corner

THANK YOU to all the members who have recently referred their friends and associates to membership. As of May 1st we stood at 442 Crofton golf members. This means that 100% of dues from 17 members are contributing to the Cap Fund. As you may be aware, a large amount of Cap Fund dollars were spent over the winter months to upgrade the golf course and the Clubhouse grounds. Many more projects are in the works and may be reported elsewhere in this newsletter. Suggestions are always welcome and if you have an idea, speak with Richard or a member of the Board.

Due to this recent influx of new members, the Initiation Fee was increased to \$3500 due with the application, and the value of the member contract lowered to \$2500. *The contract is the document that new members sign that states they will remain a member for two years or sponsor a new member within two years.* The plan is to gradually increase the amount due with the application until it reaches the level of \$6000, a level it was several years ago.

Invitations to Membership are still available to anyone who might be interested in joining Crofton. New members will begin on our wait list and be given a date to which they "activate" to Full Golf membership. As of May 1st the time on the wait list was one month. It is anticipated that by the time you read this it will be at least two, if not longer. Now that you know the plan you can pass the word to your colleagues that there will be no better time than now to inquire about membership.

WELCOME to all our summer friends who will be reappearing now that the pool is readied for summer fun. We are glad you are back and hope you are looking forward to a fun filled summer as much as we are. Please take note of how the outside of the building looks and how pretty the flowers are as you drive up to the Clubhouse. Lots of work has been done to our grounds, especially the area around the flag pole. Don't be surprised if you spy a bride or two out there this summer.

If you have any friends or neighbors who would like to join you this summer at Crofton, please have them get in contact with us soon. We have a few spaces available for more Social members. Remember that your Social membership includes privileges to Traditions. Enter the building on the far left side and come give Traditions dining a try – you won't be disappointed! The selection is wide, the prices are reasonable and we love kids!! Let us do the cooking for you one night and I guarantee you'll be coming back for more.

Cathy Zaorski, Membership Director

THE PARTNERS CHAMPIONSHIP NATIONAL PRIVATE CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

November 10th thru 13th, 2008

LOCATION:

PGA National Resort & Spa, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
Home of the Honda Classic - Ernie Els 08' Champion
Palmer Course and Nicklaus Champions Course

FORMAT:

20 Teams - 5 Members and Team Captain competing for
Palmer Partners Cup

Modified "Stableford" Quota
(Scramble and Individual Formats)

The format of play has been set in a way to allow for as many members as possible to be exposed to the event and opportunity to represent your club. There are no stringent requirements to build a team therefore making it easier for all members to qualify. Each club will have the flexibility to create their own qualifying format.

**CROFTON TEAM CAPTAIN IS MATT HOFFMANN,
HEAD PGA GOLF PROFESSIONAL**

THE FIVE WHO QUALIFY WILL EARN AN ALL EXPENSES PAID SPOT ON THE TEAM

The value of the trip per person is over \$4,500.00

TRIP INCLUDES:

Airfare
Accommodations
Green Fees & Carts for 2 day + practice round
Transportation to and from the Airport
Tee gifts valued at over \$700.00
An experience that you will never forget.

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.

Upcoming Events

Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 11th
10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Call Amy Rippey for Reservations.

Stroke Play Championships

Saturday and Sunday
May 17-18

Call Pro Shop to Register.

Cocktails at Crofton

Thursday, May 22nd
6-8 p.m.

Pool Opens

Saturday, May 24th

Memorial Day Buffet

Monday, May 26th
Poolside

BUNCO!

Thursday, May 15th, 6:30 p.m.

Contact Grace Wetterman for details:

gwettermom@aol.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Michael & Kelly Abbott,
Children Michael, Noah, Garrett, Colin

Carl & Tammy Behler
Children Myra Jo & Ashley Nicole Dickey

Robert & Valerie Bramson, son Max
Sponsored by Peter Lewitus

Kevin & Marie Coenen, children Willa & Peter

John & Jenny Crabtree

Roland & Valerie Hayden, daughters Bethany & Christa
Sponsored by Earl Amey

Hugh & Kimberly Humphrey, children Kaelyn & Emma

Bruce & Randee Kane
Sponsored by Ruth & Chuck Dunsey

David & Karen Lombardi

Ed & Irene McDonald, daughter Sarah
Sponsored by Tuck & Lorraine Elder

John & Matthew Nalley
Sponsored by Mike & Barbara Nalley

Kevin & Christine Nolan, sons Matthew & Thomas

Adam & Lisa Pattisall, children Sara, Josh & Tristen
Sponsored by Ruth & Chuck Dunsey

David & Leigh Rand, Matthew & Allie

Mike & Michelle Reilly
Children Colin, Patrick & Ryan, Aiden & Maura
Sponsored by Dave Schwartz

Greg & DJ Sparks and Murphy

Ronald & Sarah Saccoccio, daughter Sofia

Warren & Alison Sparks

Jonathan & Kimberly Thompson and Jennifer

Tom & Janet Tofani
Sponsored by Dan Mc Gloan

Greens and Grounds Committee

2008 looks like a very exciting and interesting year for the Crofton Country Club. With our latest beautification project nearly completed, a look around reveals sights few of us ever expected to behold. Superintendent Phil White is, of course, the principal reason for us being where we are today, but Phil is looking ahead to where we will be tomorrow as well. This year's Greens and Grounds Committee is hoping to accompany Phil on the quest to the next level. We will be meeting regularly with him and riding around the course with him as well. If anyone has anything they would like considered by the G&GC, just let one of our members know.

DIVOT PARTY Tuesday, May 13th. Food and beverages at 5:30 — party begins at 6:00.

John Filardo, Chairman

Social Committee

AS Spring has begun to sprung, we are getting ready for the 2008 pool season. Our General Manager and your Social Committee have been meeting for a couple of months now to ensure a successful pool season. The 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. We would appreciate hearing from you.

Some of the improvements you will see on May 24 at 11 a.m. when the pool opens are usable tennis courts and instruction, tether ball, a more friendly menu, expedited grill service and area cleaning, volleyball activities, plantings at the entrance and in the pool area, new curbs, freshly painted entrance way and just an all around Country Club worthy experience.

One of those values is better communication. If you do not receive emails from the Club, please send us your email address. You will then be kept abreast of all club happenings. With our new chef, Joe Misero, at the helm you would be hard pressed to find a better meal so close to home.

Come join the

CROCODILES SWIM TEAM!



Practice will start Tuesday, May 27th

First Meet is Saturday, June 21st

For more information contact

Marie Burgett at redskinsnurse1204@yahoo.com

"Pool opens May 24th at 11:00 a.m."



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 4th Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. This is an adult only event.

Our Swim Team Coordinator, Marie Burgett will be announcing a Parent Meeting in the next month. Watch for her email. If you are new to the club and are interested in the Swim Team, please email Marie at redskinsnurse1204@yahoo.com. Go Crocodiles!!!!

Last, Photo Identification Cards. To enter the pool area, you must have a valid ID card. 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

Turf Talk

INTRODUCTION

WARM weather is finally here to stay. This is the time of the year to boost fertility levels to encourage growth; however, it is also the time of the year that insect damage and poor weed control can wreck havoc on the season.

The Maintenance Department is committed to controlling insects and weeds this season. The first of three applications for each pest has already been applied and the next treatment is already scheduled.



The front entrance was recently enhanced with colorful annuals and perennials.

THE BUGS

The Mid-Atlantic Region has many different insect pests. However, Crofton mainly has four that must be treated. The major insects include: spring grubs, weevils, cut worms, and fall grubs. The spring grubs and weevils were treated in mid-April. The cutworms will be treated in late June. Finally, the fall grubs and second weevil treatment will take place in August. None of our treatments are harmful to golfers or to the environment as we are not trying to eliminate all insects, but control their numbers so they do not damage the turf.



Photo: H. Niemczyk

Picture of a type of weevil called Hyperodes Weevil. They attack fairways and were preventatively treated in April. Photo is from Ohio State University.

THE WEEDS

Last spring was one of the driest springs in recent memory. Most of the rain held off until May. The lack of rain helped to keep most of the broad leaf weeds like clover and dandelions away. This is not the case in 2008. We are currently making herbicide applications to kill the broad leaf weeds while continuing to make our pre-emergent applications.

The process will remain much the same as 2007, but with greater attention paid to early season broad-leaf weeds. First we are going to make as much competition for the would-be-weeds as possible with thick turf coverage. Second, the pre-emergent applications are split between an early-April and a scheduled mid-May treatment. Last we are going to have a multi-option weed control program that will allow us to spray in the summer, even if we can't always spray the most effective product due to heat. Despite our plans, we will have some weeds this season. Divots and high cart traffic areas will be major hurdles. However, this is a far reaching weed control program designed to have greater results year over year. We saw better results last year and I expect to see better this season.



Goose grass is usually not seen until after 4th of July, but the pre-emergent treatment is in April and May. Photo is from the University of California.

CART RULES REMINDER

As the warm spring weather turns into hot summer weather; cart traffic is going to play a major role in course conditions. The Maintenance Department has moved all cart signs much closer to the greens this season and although they will shift from time-to-time, they will remain about 40 to 50 yards away. However, golfers are required to exit the fairways at a 90 degree angle from the signs straight to the cart path. No Cheating!!! Until you reach the signs, just remain in the fairway because bent grass is more wear tolerant than the fescue rough and we have double coverage of the sprinklers in the fairways. The Maintenance Department has worked with the Pro Shop to develop three different cart rules. First, we normally allow cart traffic to enter the fairway and remain there until directed by the cart signs to exit at 90 degrees. Handicap flags may proceed past the signs, but must remain 30 feet off the green and outside of the bunker complex. No carts are ever permitted on the collars or between the green and the bunker. The second situation, Cart Path Only, usually follows a heavy rain event. During this time no one is permitted off of the cart path. The third situation, Cart Path Only, except Handicap Flags, is designed when the course has many wet areas, but passable for those who need access to the fairways. During this time those with handicap flags must follow the cart signs. Additional access to the approach will not be given because these areas are too wet.



The cart signs are about 40 yards from the green. Please exit 90 degrees from the signs to the path.

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”

Merchandise News

Mother's Day—Sunday May 11th

Shop Early!!!

Surprise Mom with new golf attire.

New merchandise arriving daily.

60% of all GREEN dot merchandise.

20% off all in stock regular priced merchandise for MOM

Shop the Sale May 6th—May 11th