



THE RATTLER

RATTLESNAKE RIDGE GOLF CLUB | APRIL/MAY 2010

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

INDIVIDUAL GOLF MEMBERS

Mike Bradford
 Graig Carlson
 David Donohue
 James Dulick
 Jim Entinger
 Mark Garfield
 Jim Kozlowski
 Jeremy Leeds
 Rich Mannino
 Pat McNaughton
 D. Michael Miller
 Kevin Mullins
 Jonathan Oliver
 Mike Satkowiak
 Matthew Schlabig
 Brady Tesner
 Tim Thomas
 Michael Thompson
 Terry Wamack

FAMILY GOLF MEMBERS

Tyler Anderson & Megan Blake
 Rick & Pat Gostel
 James & Karen Helgreen
 Ken & Carole Kinkopf
 Jason & Julie Leeds
 David & Janice Lennox
 Lindsey & Amy Newman
 Rex & Taita Reeder
 Ron Severance & Lynn Ashley
 Stuart & Kay Thomas
 Gary & Barbara Wonn

SOCIAL MEMBERS

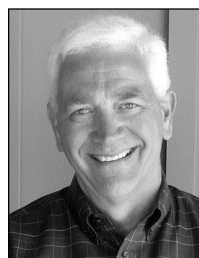
Kevin Myers

Staff changes for 2010

A restructuring at Rattlesnake Ridge over the winter means you'll be seeing some new faces at the Club, as well as some familiar staffers handling new responsibilities.

Chief Financial Officer **Randy Beyer** has taken on the position of General Manager of the Club, while continuing as CFO of both RRG and CM Media Inc., the company that owns Rattlesnake Ridge. Randy has been with CM Media for more than 25 years, and has headed up the Club's business office since 2004.

Mike Stills is Rattlesnake's new Head Golf Professional, replacing Brian Reppart, who is now at The Peninsula Club in Charlotte, N.C. Mike was at Winding Hollow CC in New Albany for 13 years, the last six as Head Professional. Following Winding Hollow's closing, Mike was Head Professional at Marion CC in Marion, Ohio, for the past two seasons. He and his wife Jennifer and their three children live in Westerville.



Randy Beyer

Joining Mike are Assistant Golf Professionals **Cass Brown** and **Chris Stiverson**. Cass is a longtime Rattlesnake Ridge employee who has handled most jobs at the Club at one time or another. He has



The golf staff: From left, Cass Brown, Mike Stills and Chris Stiverson

decided to make golf his career and has entered the PGA program. We're glad to have him on the golf staff, and to continue to benefit from his long history here. Chris is reuniting with Mike, having worked for him previously at Winding Hollow. Chris also has worked as an instructor at Golf Tec at Easton, so he brings a strong teaching background to Rattlesnake.



Christine Hance

The new Grill Room Manager is **Christine Hance**, who began her duties on March 25. She comes to Rattlesnake Ridge from the Old Bag of Nails in Delaware, where she was the General Manager. She also has been the Banquet Manager at The Lakes Club.

Guest Day April 23

The Club will host the first of its Guest Days on April 23, this one being a two-best-balls-of-the-foursome event. All male and female Golf and Social Members and accompanied guests are eligible. The entry fees are \$35 for Golf Members and \$49 for Social Members and guests, and include a buffet lunch, cart and tournament prizes. 11:30 am lunch and 1 pm shotgun start.

Spring Scramble set for April 17

The Club's first event of the season will be the popular Spring Scramble on Saturday, April 17. Last year we had a large field for this tournament, so if you intend to play, please notify the Golf Shop or sign up on the board in the lobby.

The field is made up of four-person teams, and all male and female members and accompanied guests with valid USGA handicaps are eligible to enter. Social Members are invited to play in this event. Members may pick their own teams, or may call the Golf Shop to be placed on a team by the professional staff.

The \$45 entry fee includes breakfast, guest fees where applicable, a buffet lunch and awards. The Scramble has a 10 am shotgun start.

Junior Golf Camps

Head Professional Mike Stills and his staff will be conducting two Junior Golf Camps this summer, the first June 15-18 and the second July 6-9. Both camps are open to participants ages 6 through 18, and to members and nonmembers, with a June 5 deadline for signup for the first camp. The camps will be from 9 am to 11 am Tuesday through Thursday. Participants will play the golf course on Friday, beginning with 8 am tee times.

The fee is \$89 per person, and includes instruction, snacks, beverages and a pizza party on the last day of camp. Call the Golf Shop for more details.

April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 IN-SEASON GUEST RATES BEGIN	2 POT GAME Noon SEASON KICKOFF RECEPTION 5:30 - 7:30 pm	3 MEN'S BANDITS tee off by 11 am EASTER BRUNCH
4 EASTER BRUNCH	5 COURSE CLOSED	6	7 MEN'S TWILIGHT 5 pm shotgun	8	9 POT GAME Noon	10 MASTERS
11	12 COURSE CLOSED	13	14 MEN'S TWILIGHT 5:30 pm shotgun	15	16 POT GAME Noon	17 SPRING SCRAMBLE 10 am shotgun
18	19 COURSE CLOSED	20	21 MEN'S TWILIGHT 5:30 pm shotgun	22	23 GUEST DAY	24 MEN'S BANDITS tee off by 11 am
25	26 COURSE CLOSED	27	28 MEN'S TWILIGHT 5:30 pm shotgun	29	30 POT GAME Noon	

Discounted guest passes offered

At the request of members, the Club will offer, to full Golf Members only, packages of six guest passes for \$240. These passes will be good anytime, weekends or weekdays, and do not include cart fees. They must be purchased by April 30 and used by Dec. 31. Contact the Golf Shop for details.

MEMBERSHIP

If you have friends who might be interested in trying a short-term trial membership at Rattlesnake Ridge to see if they like it, we have a program for them this year. Please contact Derek Denlinger, membership director.

GOLF SHOP HOURS

APRIL

Monday club closed
 Tuesday-Friday 7:30 am - 7:30 pm
 Saturday and Sunday 7 am - 7:30 pm

MAY

Monday club closed
 Tuesday-Friday 7 am - 7:30 pm
 Saturday, Sunday
 and holidays 6:30 am - 7:30 pm

May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 MEN'S BANDITS tee off by 11 am DEMO DAY Noon - 4 pm
2	3 COURSE CLOSED	4 LADIES' TWILIGHT 6 pm shotgun	5 MEN'S TWILIGHT 6 pm shotgun	6 LADIES' GOLF SCHOOL 6 -7:30 pm	7 POT GAME Noon WINE & NINE 6 pm	8 MEN'S BANDITS tee off by 11 am MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH 10 am - 3 pm
9 MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH 10 am - 3 pm	10 COURSE CLOSED	11 LADIES' TWILIGHT 6 pm shotgun	12 MEN'S TWILIGHT 6 pm shotgun	13 LADIES' GOLF SCHOOL 6 -7:30 pm	14 POT GAME Noon	15 TWO-MAN MATCH PLAY
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30	31 MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT					

FROM THE GRILL ROOM

Mother's Day Brunch

Mark it on your calendar today, those of you who want to treat Mom to a place with great food, good service, a lovely view and a relaxing atmosphere. Because of high demand in past years, the Club again is offering the brunch on both Saturday and Sunday, May 8 and 9 – but no, that doesn't mean you should procrastinate with making the reservation.

Chef Brandon again will create an oversized Specials Menu for the occasion, a large selection of wonderful dishes (he personally promises at least one dessert involving chocolate), and the Grill Room will be enlivened with fresh spring flowers. Reservations are required, and are taken for times from 10 am to 3 pm both days.

WINE & NINE RESUMES IN MAY

This popular Friday couples event begins a new season on May 7 at 6 pm, shotgun start. The cost is \$30 per couple plus cart fees, and the format is simple: golf and alfresco food-and-wine stations. One of the stations is outside the Clubhouse, the other is on the course, and RRGC staffers will be on the scene to pour wine and offer appetizers.

Last year, once the clubs were put away, most participants stayed for dinner in the Grill Room or, weather permitting, on the Patio. Chef Brandon's weekly specials will be available, as will the regular Grill Room menu.

THE 2010 WINE LIST

Chef Brandon Wahl has been conferring with the Club's wine distributor and expects the season's new wine list to debut around the end of April. For those who want a preview, he says the list will include a Biltmore Estate pinot grigio, a Pine and Post merlot, a Gascón malbec, a Silver Palm cabernet sauvignon, a Brancott sauvignon blanc and two Wente selections, a Riverbank Riesling and a Southern Fog chardonnay.

GRILL ROOM HOURS

In April and May, the Grill Room will be open Tuesday through Sunday, 11 am to 9 pm.

ON THE COURSE

Snow Mold attacks No. 2 green

by Kyle Frederick
Course Superintendent

The long winter, one of the snowiest in memory, may at last be over with that final blanket of snow that hit us March 25. So now, with the ground once again visible, we're assessing winter damage and how well the course came through the season.

For those of you who already have been out to play, you probably noticed the damage we had on the greens, tees and fairways. This damage is created by a fungus called Snow Mold, which is a disease that starts in winter beneath a cover of snow on unfrozen ground. As the soil temperatures rise under the snow, so does the potential for fungal activity.

The green on No. 2 offers an example of heavy damage from Snow Mold. The runoff from the melting snow came from the backhill behind the green, across the green and down the approach under the snow. This kept the soil in these areas relatively warm and thus allowed more fungal activity. This runoff also is the reason the damage on the green is in a fairly straight line.

With the long duration of snow cover, the fungicides we applied in the fall and winter didn't last long enough to suppress the fungi, resulting in more extreme Snow Mold activity this year. We'll continue to keep an eye on the situation, and we are hopeful that with some warm, dry weather we can get the grass plants to start producing new growth. (In general, please be careful with golf carts on the soft course as we begin the season.)

Overall, I expect the course to be in good shape in a few weeks. AEP was on the grounds this winter to do some tree removals along holes No. 1 and No. 15, so there is still cleanup to be done on that project. In another area of maintenance staff responsibility, part of the winter was spent refurbishing the fleet of golf carts, adding seats, batteries and making other mechanical adjustments, so those should be running well.

Thanks for your help with our goal to make Rattlesnake Ridge one of the best-conditioned courses in the area.

Ladies' Golf School

The Rattlesnake Ridge Ladies' Golf School, featuring Head Professional Mike Stills and assistants Cass Brown and Chris Stiverson, will be held on four consecutive Thursdays, May 6 through May 27, 6 to 7:30 pm. Each week will focus on a different area of the game. The school is open to members and nonmember guests. Entry fee is \$70 for all four weeks for members, \$90 for nonmembers.