



# THE RATTLER

RATTLESNAKE RIDGE GOLF CLUB | APRIL/MAY 2009

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### GOLF MEMBERS

Seth Bromberg  
Shane Eversole  
Brian Finelli  
Jon Furrow  
J.R. Pine  
David Schlaubach  
Richard Townley  
Mark Zimmerer

### SOCIAL MEMBERS

Tim Ballmann  
Thomas Hoover  
Larry Lane  
Joseph Siglin  
Bryan Sines

### • Mark your calendars •



## DEMO DAY & Open House

Saturday, May 9, Noon-4 pm

Here's your chance to try out the latest in golf equipment from top manufacturers including Titleist, Cobra, TaylorMade and Callaway. Special promotional pricing will be available.

Men's & Ladies' equipment available for testing

Club Fitting

Equipment Evaluations

## ON THE COURSE

# Spring cleanup continues

by Kyle Frederick  
*Course Superintendent*

During the long months of snow and cold, the maintenance staff remained busy repairing equipment, making new tee markers and doing cleanup on the course whenever possible.

Now that a little bit of spring has finally arrived, we've turned our attention to the details of getting the course in top condition for the upcoming season, which includes ongoing removal of sticks, broken limbs and

debris, giving everything a coat of fresh paint and filling divots from last fall and winter. The staff has spent a lot of time getting bunkers back into shape and adding sand where it is needed.

We completed aeration of the greens the week of March 16. The weather was perfect this year to get that job done early. Greens aeration has not been done in the spring here at Rattlesnake for a few years, and although this process is disruptive, it's great for the health of our greens. I expect we'll start to see real improvement in the greens by mid April, especially if we get some warm weather.

Several projects are scheduled for upcoming attention. The staff will continue to clean up and add rock to the creek banks that are eroding. The rock work we've done in the past has held up very well, but every year the banks across the entire property seem to experience more erosion. We plan to construct the long-awaited footbridge across



MAINTENANCE STAFFER MATT HERINGER MOWS THE EARLY-MORNING DEW OFF THE 18TH GREEN.

the creek at No. 8, and to do repairs and maintenance on the other bridges.

There are some areas around the course where we will be adding drainage to continue to improve the playability of the course in times of bad weather. We also have several areas to sod, and these areas will be marked off as ground under repair until the sod gets fully established.

Spring is a time when we have to be particularly careful with where we allow the golf carts to go. In order to avoid wear patterns, we're asking that foursomes try to remember to scatter to different spots when leaving the paths to enter the fairway. And to keep all four wheels on the asphalt when parking the cart near the greens.

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We have great hopes that the course will be in excellent condition in a few weeks. We appreciate your assistance in helping us achieve that goal.

## Big field expected for Spring Scramble

It appears Rattlesnake's season opener will have one of the largest turnouts ever for a club event, but there's still plenty of time to put your team together. The field for the April 18 Spring Scramble is made up of four-person teams, and all male and female members and accompanied guests with valid USGA handicaps are eligible to enter. Members may pick their own teams, or may call the Golf Shop to be placed on a team by the professional staff. The \$39 entry fee for this 10 am shotgun start includes breakfast, guest fees, a buffet lunch and awards.

## ... And Ladies of the Club

The RRGCLadies' Golf School, discontinued some years ago, is being revived, and will be offered this spring for four weeks. It's scheduled for Thursdays beginning April 30 and running through May 21, from 6 to 7:30 each evening.

Players of all skill levels, beginner to advanced, are welcome, and the school is open to all golf members, social members and their guests. The cost for all four sessions is \$80 per person.

Instructors are Director of Golf Brian Reppart and Assistant Golf Professional Bill Bentz. Topics to be covered include grip, stance, alignment, club selection, full swing and short game.

Call the Golf Shop to register: 614-410-1399. Space is limited to 30 students.

# April

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

## Rattlesnake to host Ohio Amateur qualifier

Rattlesnake Ridge will be one of six sectional qualifying sites around the state for this year's Ohio Amateur championship. The 18-hole event will be May 26, with the low qualifiers from RRCG moving on to Moraine Country Club in Dayton. The overall Ohio Amateur champion will be decided over 72 holes of stroke play July 13 through July 17.

Amateurs throughout the state with handicap indexes of 5.6 or less are eligible to enter one of the sectional qualifiers. Entries close May 15, and entry forms are available in the Golf Shop, or players may enter online at OHIOGOLF.ORG.

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Later in the season, the Columbus District Golf Association will hold its Lam-Am Championship, a two-man scratch event, at Rattlesnake. All members of CDGA clubs are eligible to enter the Sept. 15 event, and CDGA members may bring non-CDGA members to play as guests. Guests must have active GHIN numbers.

## GOLF SHOP HOURS

### APRIL

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

### MAY

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 Tuesday-Friday ..... 7 am - 8 pm  
 Saturday, Sunday  
 and holidays ..... 6:30 am - 8 pm

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## TASTE OF THE VINE

### *French Connection*

In the last Taste of the Vine event of the season, scheduled for Saturday, April 25, we'll sample the fabled world of French winemaking. Selections will include a Mâcon-Villages Chardonnay, J. & F. Lurton Pinot Noir Les Salices, Domaine de la Quilla Muscadet Sur Lie la Quilla and Guigal Côtes Du Rhône. Imported and domestic cheeses and fresh fruit will be offered to accompany the wines.

Chef Brandon's weekly dinner specials will be available after the tasting, as will a limited number of items from the regular menu.

The excursion into French wine country begins at 7 pm; the cost is \$17.95 per person. Reservations are required; please call 614-410-1313, ext. 3.

## PARTY ON THE PATIO Hello, Spring

As we bid a fond farewell to the Taste of the Vine series, we start thinking about warm evenings in Rattlesnake's backyard. Soft spring air, beautiful sunsets down the 18th fairway, those lovely black rocking chairs, good music, great food, chilled beverages and a companionable mood. Sounds good, doesn't it?

The first Party on the Patio is scheduled for Saturday, May 23. Reservations are taken beginning at 6 pm; the live music starts on the patio at 7. Chef Brandon's always excellent weekly dinner specials, highlighting seasonal foods, will be available, and there's talk of having a featured drink at each event.

Reservations are recommended; please call 614-410-1313, ext. 3. (You can reserve tables for either outside or indoors.)

## Easter Brunch

Chef Brandon has put together a baker's dozen delectable-sounding items for the Easter menu, with appetizers including a tomato and fresh mozzarella salad and a shrimp cocktail with spiced bloody mary sauce, entrees such as Easter Pancakes, a crab frittata, spring lamb and ginger salmon, and a couple of desserts: house-made carrot cake and a strawberry cream cheese puff.

The Grill Room will be looking cheery with spring flowers and an Easter theme. (However, there currently are no plans to insist that the new assistant pro—Dave Gatliff—dress up as the Easter Bunny.)

Easter Brunch this year will be offered on Saturday, April 11, and Sunday, April 12, from 10 am to 5 pm both days. Reservations are recommended; please call 614-410-1313, ext. 3.

## MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

It's become one of the most popular events at Rattlesnake, offering a no-fuss way to take Mom out for a good meal and good service in a beautiful setting. (Well, the only fuss is making the reservations: Don't wait.) There will be fresh flowers throughout the Grill Room, a special menu from Chef Brandon and quite likely a little table favor for moms, too.

Brunch will be offered Saturday, May 9, and Sunday, May 10. Reservations are required for seatings from 10 am to 5 pm.



DAVE GATLIFF

## Staff update for the 2009 season

New at the Golf Shop this year is **Dave Gatliff**, who joined RRGC on April 1 as the second assistant golf professional. Determined to make a career in golf, Dave decided to leave a good job at Signature Worldwide to get started; he says he plans to apply to the PGA and take his PAT (playing-ability test) as soon as possible. He has worked in the past at Par Golf of Columbus and Teed Up Indoor Golf, and attended Columbus State Community College.

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**Justin Gottschalk**, who is attending Ohio State University in the Professional Golf Management program, is a newcomer at the bag drop and cart barn. Justin is a graduate of Granville High School, where he was captain of the golf team, and is currently a member of the team at the OSU-Newark branch. He has worked summers at Raccoon International Golf Club and Clover Valley Golf Club.

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Joining us as a part-time server in the Grill Room this year is **Kelly Barkschat**. Kelly lives nearby and comes recommended by server **Ralena Allaby**, who is beginning her third season here.

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Grill Room server **Kylie May** had her baby on Feb. 2, narrowly missing the deadline for the last issue of *The Rattler*. Roger James May weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces at birth and is now nearing 10 pounds. Mother and baby are doing well, and Kylie plans to return to the Grill Room on a part-time basis later this spring.