



Happy St. Patrick's Day!



# President's Letter

Fellow members-

It has now been almost a year since the onset of Covid-19. The Club has experienced significant disruptions to our operations since we were initially forced to close down last March, but we have weathered the storm as well or maybe better than we expected given the restrictions placed on us throughout the year. As we move towards what I hope is an early spring, we are going to be as close to fully operational as we have been over the last year.

I hope you have or will have a chance to experience the new menu rolled out by Marc and his staff in February. There are choices to please every appetite, so if you have not had the chance, please make an effort to come to the club and enjoy a nice meal, or as always, carry-out is available.

We will soon close our books for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. As previously mentioned, despite the restrictions placed on our operations, we should end the year in pretty good shape financially. We will communicate final FY 21 financial results as soon as we are able.

While we have already enjoyed some new member activity, now is the time to encourage friends or family to give Oakwood a try. We feel like we are a good value in comparison to other Clubs in the area and have done a good job of managing our costs while still providing a valued member experience. We owe Marc and his staff kudos for making that happen.

As I mentioned in my prior letter, we are hopeful of having a “normal” annual meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> and are seeking nominations for the Board. The nominating committee has been formed, consisting of Stephanie Crompton (board member), Mary Lewis and Deb Kell. If you have an interest in running for the board, please reach out to a member of the committee for further details, or you can always get in touch with me.

Thank you again for your support of the Club during a very trying year, and I look forward, like all of you, to spring and being outside.

Kind regards,

Steve McCann, Board President



# General Manager's Letter

Dear Members,

Spring is approaching, we can hear birds singing, but we can't see golfers swinging yet. It won't be long though, the snow is melting fast!

The staff has stayed busy during the hiatus and worked on numerous projects. Angie put her creativity to work and designed our new website. Please visit [www.oakwoodgolf.org](http://www.oakwoodgolf.org) and explore the new features. This is a perfect time of the year to send it to your friends who are considering joining Oakwood this year. Remember, you will receive 5 complimentary guest rounds of golf for sponsoring a new member, 2 for a social or LTD golf member. Talking about joining, with the 74 bridge open, it is much easier to get here from the Iowa side so, do not limit your recruiting efforts to the Illinois side.

Now more than ever Oakwood remains a great value. As you know, after a challenging 2020, we only increased your monthly fees by \$60 for the **year**. So, it emphasizes the value an Oakwood membership offers. Tell your friends!

To enhance Oakwood's value, we have worked (and are working), on several initiatives, such as the new menu. I am really proud of the feedback we received about the new menu; Chef Madonna has done a fantastic job. It offers more variety than before and has numerous dishes at an attractive price. Check out the menu here <https://oakwoodgolf.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/New-Menu-2021.pdf>.

Thank you also for the feedback you gave us on the survey. We have already implemented some of your recommendations in the dinner menu. All the comments will be distributed to the appropriate committees who will review these and develop relevant strategic objectives. If you haven't filled it out yet, we'll extend the deadline until March 8th. Follow the link: <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07ehjesyzokkd2sbsc/start>

Eric and Angie are working together to develop the text message services available through Fore Up. Sign up by texting the word "GOLF" to 62687 and get up to minute info on rain delays, upcoming events, etc. Make sure to check out our Facebook page as well, lots of promos there too.

See you soon at the Club.

Marc

# MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT

## FAIRWAY TO MURDER

SATURDAY APRIL 17TH 2021

Join us for It's A Mystery's hilarious whodunit "Fairway for Murder" written by **Scott Naumann**, as everyone rolls into the "Oakwood Golf Resort" and become detectives! Everything begins with a laughable cocktail hour introduction to the suspects and continues through a special gourmet dinner. Reservations can be made by calling Oakwood at 309-799-3153 or by emailing [angie@oakwoodgolf.org](mailto:angie@oakwoodgolf.org)

6PM COCKTAILS & HORS D'OEUVRE

6:45 DINNER



ACT 1 - MIXED GREENS WITH DIJON VINAIGRETTE TOPPED WITH PATE

ACT 2 - COQ AU VIN - CHICKEN COOKED IN VEGETABLES WITH RED WINE,  
ROASTED POTATOES & VEGETABLE DU JOUR

ACT 3 - RED VELVET CAKE TOPPED WITH WHIPPED CREAM

\$42.50++ PER PERSON

-RESERVATIONS REQUIRED-



# LADIES *Night* OUT



MARCH 8TH

4PM - 7PM



*BAR LUGE ~ ASSORTED APPETIZERS*

*\$10 PER PERSON*

*RSVP BY MARCH 5TH*

Do you want to receive up to  
date information regarding  
course conditions & upcoming  
events straight to your phone?

**TEXT: GOLF**  
**TO: 62687**



# family night specials

march 4 - enchiladas \$12.95

march 11 - fried Chicken \$12.95

march 18 - pasta buffet \$12.95 (dine in only)

march 25 - philly Cheese Steak & fries \$12.95

please call for Reservations - 309-799-3153

*Every Friday starting Feb. 19th until April 2nd*



Fish  
&  
Chips

*Beer Battered Cod \$17*

*Congratulations to the Winners of our Feb 21 Tournament!*

*1st Place - Laurie Redden; 2nd - Place Paul Aller; 3rd Place - Heidi Parkhurst*

*Fun was had by all!!*

# EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

**Sunday, March 21st  
& April 18th**

**Tourney starts at 1:00pm**

**\$5.00 per player - guests are welcome  
food specials & good times**

*Call for Reservations - we need to know how many players  
we will have - so make reservations today!!*

*- Let us know if you need a Euchre lesson beforehand -*

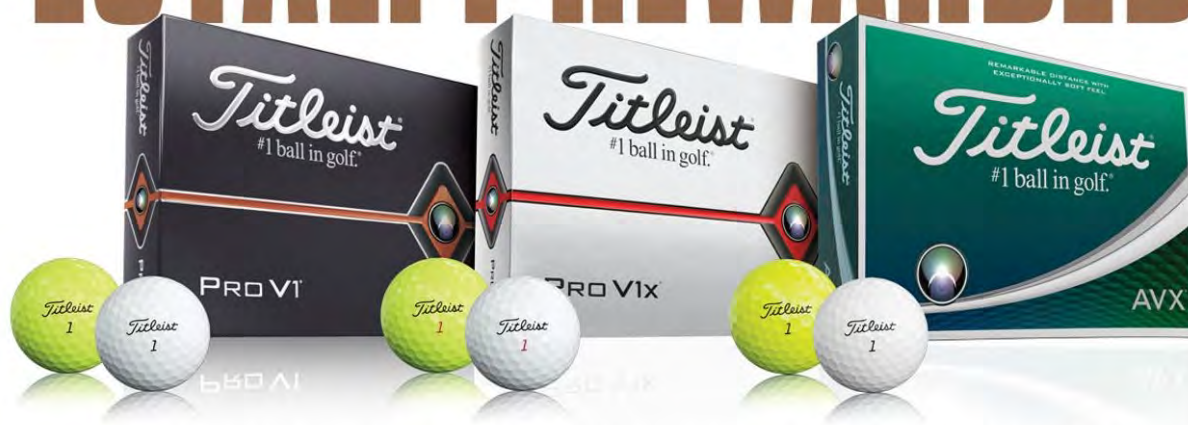
# Golf Shop Talk

**March 2021**



I think after this Winter, we all deserve a nice Spring with plenty of nice days to play golf! As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, make sure you go through the checklist on the following page to be sure that you are prepared for the upcoming golf season. Also, take a look at all of the upcoming events for the 2021 season, and put them on your calendar - we have a lot of fun & competitive events planned! Finally, don't forget if you are looking to get your season started off right with some instruction or new equipment, we are always here ready to help.

## LOYALTY REWARDED



**THANK YOU FOR TRUSTING YOUR GAME TO TITLEIST.  
PURCHASE 3 DOZEN AND RECEIVE 1 DOZEN FREE.**

Ball Type: ProV1 / ProV1x / AVX / ProV1 Aim / ProV1x Left Dash

Ball Color: White or Yellow (only available in ProV1, ProV1x, AVX)

Play #: Standard Play (1-4) or (5-8) / Same Play (00-99) = \$5 upcharge for this option

Personalization: Maximum of 3 lines of text with 17 characters per line

Personalization Color: Black, Blue, Red, Green, Pink, Orange, Crimson

**Cost - \$150 for Standard Play # and \$155 for Same Play #**

Please send all orders to [eric@oakwoodgolf.org](mailto:eric@oakwoodgolf.org)





# 2021 Checklist



- **Hole in One Club:** All 2020 members will be carried over to 2021.  
If you would like to be added or taken off this list, please let us know in the golf shop.
- **Sign up for the Majors Pool:** \$100 gets you in for a chance to win some great prizes!  
All four of the 2020 Majors & John Deere Classic.
- **Update Bag / Push Cart Storage:** Let us store your clubs, making it easier to just show up and golf
- **Want to save some money on cart rental?** Sign up for a cart plan - Savings of \$1-\$3 per cart rental
- **Update Handicap Services:** Sign up for a handicap or deactivate your current service.
- **Season Long Match Play:** Fun competition all season long!  
Men's Team & Individual / Women's Team
- **2021 Member-Guest:** It's never too early to sign up!  
Men's - August 12th - 14th / Women's - July 30th
- **Junior Golf:** Sign up for Summer Camp / PGA Junior League / PGA Junior Camp  
Summer Camp: Thursday Afternoons in June & July  
PGA Junior Camp: July 19th - 23rd    PGA Jr. League: A fun & competitive interclub format
- **Golf Ball Promotions:** Buy 3 dozen & get one free!  
Titleist / Taylormade / Callaway
- **Looking for some new clubs:** Attend a Demo Day  
Titleist(5/19), Callaway(5/8), Taylormade (5/26), Mizuno (5/22), Tour Edge (4/29)
- **Looking to Improve your Game?** Sign up for a lesson or attend a clinic
  - Men's Clinics - Thursday @ 5:30pm - May 6th, 20th, 27th
  - Ladies Clinics - Thursday @ 5:30pm - May 5th, 13th, 19th, 26th
  - Lesson Packages Available - Buy 4 lessons get 1 free
- **Check out our new website**
- **Update your information on ForeUp**
- **Follow us on Social Media:** Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- **Sign up for Text Messages:** Text GOLF to 62687



# **2021 Tournament Schedule**

## **April**

28th - Men's Guest Day

30th - Couples Golf Glow Ball

## **May**

12th - Men's Opening Smoker

15th & 16th - Stroke Play Championship

25th - Ladies 9, Wine & Dine

28th - 9 & Dine

31st - Memorial Day Stroke Play

## **June**

4th - Couples Golf - Fishing Night

16th - Heaven & Hell Best Ball

18th - Ladies Guest Day

19th - Divorce Open

23rd - Men's Guest Day

27th - Super Sunday

## **July**

4th - Red, White, Blue Best Ball

14th - Men's Trifecta

16th - Ladies Guest Day

16th - Couples Golf - Pool Party

25th - Parent-Child

30th - Ladies Member-Guest

31st - Club Championship

## **August**

1st - Club Championship

6th - Couples Golf - Hollywood Night

7th - Club Championship

8th - Club Championship

12th - 14th - Men's Member-Guest

21st - Super Saturday

27th - Solheim Cup Day 1

29th - Solheim Cup Day 2

## **September**

3rd - Couples Golf - Fan Night

6th - Labor Day Stroke Play

12th - Senior Play Day

22nd - Men's Closing Smoker

25th - Player of the Year Finale

## **October**

3rd - Super Sunday Chili Open

8th - Couples Golf - Super Hero





# Junior Golf Summer Camp



## Instructors

Head Golf Professional	Eric Drane, PGA	<a href="mailto:eric@oakwoodgolf.org">eric@oakwoodgolf.org</a>
Assistant Golf Professional	Nic Wadsager	<a href="mailto:nic@oakwoodgolf.org">nic@oakwoodgolf.org</a>

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Age Groups	Nickname	Holes	Time
13 - 18	Big Oaks	6-9	2:00pm - 5:00pm
9 - 12	Little Oaks	2-3	3:30pm - 5:30pm
8 & Under	Pee Wee	1	5:00pm - 6:15pm

Students in each group will receive 60 minutes of instruction followed by playing their assigned number of holes out on the golf course. Appropriate tees will be set up in fairways to ensure a level of fun and competition.

Parents/Guardians will be asked to help supervise their children while out on the golf course.

Please arrive to class 5 minutes before the starting time – We will meet on the putting green.

## Schedule

June: Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> / Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> / Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> / Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

July: Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup> / Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup> / Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> / Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup>

Junior Club Championship: Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

## Topics covered throughout the program

Safety & Proper golf course etiquette & Sportsmanship

Basic rules of golf

Putting, Chipping and Pitching

Driver, Fairway Woods, Hybrids, Irons


















Course Management

Along with instruction from the golf professionals, there will be various games and fun activities throughout. Don't miss out on a chance to meet new friends, learn a game you can play a lifetime, and be active in a fun and safe environment!

## Cost

*\$90 per student - Includes Instruction & Tee Gift!*

# MARCH 2021

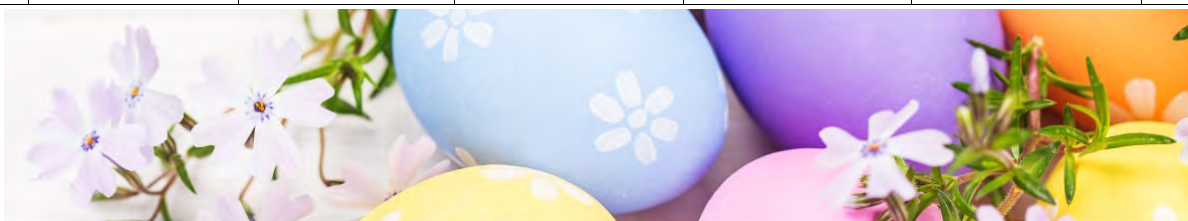
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 To Go Only 	4 Family Night Enchiladas 	5 	6 
7	8 Ladies Luge Night 	9	10 To Go Only 	11 Family Night Fried Chicken 	12 	13
14	15	16	17 Pizza Night/To Go 	18 Family Night Pasta Buffet 	19 	20
21 Euchre Tourney 	22	23	24 To Go Only 	25 Family Night Philly Cheese Steak & Fries 	26 	27 Prime Rib Night 
28	29	30	31 To Go Only 			





# APRIL 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Family Night Enchiladas 	2 	3 Easter Egg Hunt Brunch 
4 Easter Brunch 	5	6	7 	8 Family Night Fried Chicken 	9 	10
11	12	13	14 	15 Family Night Pasta Buffet 	16 	17
18 	19	20 Annual Meeting 	21 	22 Family Night Meatloaf 	23 	24 
25	26	27	28  Men's Guest Day	29 Family Night BBQ  Demo Day	30 Couples Glow Ball 	



Hello  
April



# **PGA Junior Programs**



PGA Jr. League exists to bring friends, families, and communities together around golf.

Join the team. Play with friends. Learn the game with expert coaching.

Program Runs from June - August

\$225 registration fee Includes...

8 Practices, 2 Home & 2 Away Matches, Jersey, Golf Balls, and Bag Tag

**PGA<sup>TM</sup>**  
**JUNIOR GOLF CAMPS**

We want your kids to excel both on and off the golf course. That's why all of our Camps are taught by PGA of America Professionals. Our coaches emphasize fun and principled skill development. After all, what good is a game if it isn't meant to be enjoyed?

No matter your child's age or ability, we've got the perfect camp for them. Choose from half-day, full-day or even competitive camps that help your child learn the game and develop their skills in a fun, supportive, and encouraging environment.

**Full Day & Half Day Programs Available**

**Dates: July 19th - 23rd**

**Full Day Camp - \$395    Half Day Camp - \$225**





# Demo Days

**April 29th - Tour Edge (2p-6p)**

**May 8th - Callaway (12p-4p)**

**May 19th - Titleist (3p-7p)**

**May 22nd - Mizuno (12p-4p)**

**May 26th - Taylormade (2p-6p)**

*Call the golf shop to set up an appointment*



# 2021 Majors & John Deere Classic Pool

**Entry Fee:** \$100 Per Person for the 4 Majors & John Deere Classic

**Rules:**

- The Major's Pool is limited to the first 70 members that sign up.
- Following the cut of each Major, we will draw your name with one of the remaining players in the field.
- The members whose player's finish in the top eight will receive golf shop credit.
- Ties will be broken by your players score in the last round. If there is another tie, the third-round score will be the tie breaker and so on.

**Prizes:**

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | \$500 golf shop credit |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | \$300 golf shop credit |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | \$200 golf shop credit |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | \$150 golf shop credit |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | \$100 golf shop credit |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | \$75 golf shop credit  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | \$50 golf shop credit  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> | \$25 golf shop credit  |







# **Season Long Match Play Events**

## **Men's Team Event**

**Member/Member Teams**

**Format: 1 of 2 Best Ball Match Play - Net**

**Entry Fee: \$25 - trophy & prizes**

## **Women's Team Event**

**Member/Member Teams**

**Format: 1 of 2 Best Ball Match Play - Net**

**Entry Fee: \$15 - trophy & prizes**

## **Men's Individual**

**Format: Individual Match Play Net**

**Entry Fee: \$25 - trophy & prizes**

**Group 1 - HDCP 0 -10**

**Group 2 - HDCP 11+**

**SIGN UP DEADLINE: APRIL 30TH**



# ***Myth's of the Golf Swing***



This month I will be diving into some of golf's most unproductive tips that are not helping you game. Don't forget to check out my YouTube channel for these upcoming videos .

## **Myth's of the Golf Swing Lesson #1 – Keep your head down**

- By far the most unproductive tip in the game. Keeping your head down restricts rotation in the golf swing, and can even lead to back pain.
- The main reason we top or thin balls is not because we “look up”, but rather that some mechanics in your swing cause you to come up and out of your posture at impact.

## **Myth's of the Golf Swing Lesson #2 - Feel vs. Real**

- Developing and understanding that what you feel is usually different than what is real is important when looking to make swing improvements. I always say “If it feels the same, you are not making a change”
- In my opinion the best way to make a change is to overexaggerate the swing change movements.

## **Myth's of the Golf Swing Lesson #3 - Lower Body Quiet**

- If you focus too much on keeping the lower body quiet, you once again restrict turn, which leads to inconsistent contact.
- Another issue you will run into while trying to keep your lower body quiet, is that you will struggle with developing a good weight transfer, which is important in generating speed.

## **Myths of the Golf Swing Lesson #4 - Don't Overswing**

- Whoever decided that your golf swing had to get to or stop at parallel? Parallel at the top of the backswing is not the ideal backswing position for every golfer.
- Think about the golf swing as a gradual progression of speed. We start from a stopped position, and continually gain more speed throughout the swing.

**Click on my logo to visit my YouTube Page and see the videos!**

## A Message from the Ladies Organization

Welcome Back! As we begin a new year, I wish to extend an invitation to all ladies of Oakwood Country Club to become part of the Ladies Organization. Our organization offers golf at different levels of play (18 & 9 hole), bridge/cards, and fun socialization. This is also a great way to meet members and build friendships. As Covid-19 restrictions become more relaxed, we are looking to get back to normal and be able to hold events that were postponed last year.

### Officers and Committee Members for 2021 –

President – Jan Knox

Vice President – Vicki Lagerstrom

Secretary – Christa Lohmeier

Treasurer – Leslie O'Melia

Social Secretary – Deb Behan

Sports Committee – Karen Williams

Bridge – Jan Gavin

Rules – Joyce Aller

Auditing – Rose Barnett

I.W.G.A. Victory Charities Fund – Donna Edwards

Waterman Cup – Cindy Erickson, Joyce Aller Member Guest – Rose Barnett

Nominating – Carol Holmes

Golf Trip – Denise Killion

Thank You to those who have agreed to serve. If you wish to be part of working with these committees, please contact me. Many hands make for lighter work and more fun!

Our Ladies Spring Dinner will be in April and all ladies of Oakwood and guests are welcome to attend. Look for more details regarding this to follow.

Email list – Ladies Organization activities are sent via email. If you would like to be added to the email list or have a change to your email address, please send a message to [oakwoodladies@gmail.com](mailto:oakwoodladies@gmail.com).

Winter is still with us but Spring is just around the corner. Come out to the club for great food and drinks, get reacquainted with the staff and join your Oakwood friends. Golf is soon to follow!!

Jan Knox, President

# Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch

**Saturday - April 3**

**Brunch @ 10:30**

**Egg Hunt at 12:00**

**Guests Welcome**

**- Details Coming Shortly -**





# EASTER BRUNCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH 2021

10AM - 2PM

DINE IN & TO GO ORDERS

*DETAILS COMING SHORTLY*



# *Wine Dinner*

SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH

*Cocktails 6:30*

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*Dinner 7:15*

*Assorted Canapes*

*Riondo Spumante Rosato*

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*Sous Vide Pork Belly over Parsnip Puree*

*Freemark Abbey, Sauvignon Blanc*

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*Sesame Cucumber Salad*

*Cambria Katherine's Vineyard Chardonnay*

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*Lamb Shank in Rosemary Mint Sauce*  
*Turned Potatoes & Roasted Brussels Sprouts*

*Penfolds Bin 28 Shiraz*

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*Balsamic Peach Ice Cream*

*Dine In Only - RSVP by March 2nd*



# Annual Meeting

## Tuesday, April 20

### 6:30pm

Join us to get updates on the club, and to meet your new Board of Directors.

#### Business Office Hours

Monday - Friday 10am - 5pm



#### Food Service

Monday & Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday - Friday	4pm - 7:30pm
Saturday	11am - 7:30pm
Sunday	11am - 4pm

#### Beverage Service

Monday & Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday-Friday	Open at 3pm
Saturday & Sunday	Open at 11am

*-Hours subject to change depending on the weather -*

309-799-3153



## 2020/2021 Board of Directors Officers

President	Steve McCann	2021
Vice President	Stephanie Crompton	2021
Treasurer	Gary McCormick	2022
Secretary	Jon DeDecker	2021

## Ladies' Organization

Jan Knox	President
Vicki Lagerstrom	Vice-President
Christa Lohmeier	Secretary
Leslie O'Melia	Treasurer

## Oakwood Country Club Staff

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