



OAKWOOD CONNECTION



Fellow Members-

The good news is we opened the course for play on March 20, which is in line with previous year openings. The bad news is, we have not had many days since then where it was nice enough to go out and play. I know you are all as ready as I am for winter to take a hike so we can be out there enjoying good weather.

As a reminder, the annual meeting will be on April 26 at 6:30 pm. Our only official order of business as of now is the election of directors to serve a three-year term ending at the 2025 annual meeting. As of this writing, we have the three incumbents running unopposed for re-election, Stephanie Crompton, Kirk Trede and Gary McCormick. There is still time to submit your name for nomination. If you do have an interest, please reach out to a member of the nominating committee-Mitch Heckenkamp, Mary Lewis or Jason Peterson, or contact me. Other than election of directors, Marc and members of the board will be providing an update on the State of the Club and answering any questions or addressing concerns you may have.

New member activity has continued at a strong pace in the first month of our fiscal year, but we certainly have the capacity for more. Welcome to all our new members and I look forward to meeting you if I have not already. As I've mentioned before, Marc and his staff do a great job of "selling" prospective members, all we ask you for are introductions. A listing of new members is contained elsewhere in the newsletter. With our uptick in membership, the board has approved increasing the initiation fee for new members (over age 25), effective June 1, by \$250, so if you have a prospective member, you might pass this information on to them.

While new member activity is exciting for the club, we also had several members pass away in 2021. While all will be missed, three of those were long-time, well regarded Club members-Randy Pellegrini, Carol Sergeant and Dave Hunt. Our thoughts are with their families and the families of all members who have passed away.

I am optimistic about 2022. We are a little over 2 years from the onset of Covid, and for the first time since then, operating without restrictions. I look forward to a "normal", successful year and hope to see you all out at the club enjoying nice weather very soon.

Regards,

Steve McCann, Board President

Dear Members,

In my February article I wrote that we had already gained 6 new members. If we add the 16 new members we gained in March, it makes for a very good start! It is always exciting to see our club growing. Looks like 2022 could be another great year for Oakwood. It is interesting to see that some of our new members are from the Iowa side. Let's hope that the new bridge will be a boom for our membership growth. Check out the list of new members in this issue of the newsletter.

We encourage long-term members to engage with new members to make them feel welcome. Inclusion is critical for new members, so help us in making sure they are integrated into the mix. We also encourage new members to engage with existing members. If you are a new golfing member looking for people to play with, please work with Eric, our Golf Pro, to find a group of men or ladies that suits your style of play, or preferred time of play.

Thank you for your support of the pro-shop in 2021. Soft goods and hard goods sales exceeded last year by \$52,000. Of course, Covid impacted sales negatively in 2020, but when compared to 2019, which was a "normal" year, pro-shop sales in 2021 were \$30,000 higher. Way to go Eric and staff!

We had 55 golfers on opening day, Sunday, March 20th, a great way to get things rolling on the course. Unfortunately, the weather has since turned and we must remain patient for better golfing conditions. It hasn't stopped a few hardcore golfers from playing through not ideal conditions. As always, Troy keeps us up-to-date on course conditions to determine if carts are allowed or not.

The Golf Committee is working on the tee marker sponsorship program and we should have information to share with you sometime in April. We hope that you'll be interested in showcasing your business on one of the many tee markers.

This spring we'll embark on a few projects we have been working on. The clubhouse west wall will be repainted and sections of the road adjacent to the Autumn Creek subdivision will be repaired. In addition, we are exploring options to redo the Oakwood sign at the entrance of the road leading to the Club. And as I mentioned last month, we are also focusing on a patio concept to determine what option would be most beneficial and economical for the Club. This will take several more months to finalize.

April has barely started, and we are already working on the pool. From replacing the sand filter (which will take 3,000 Lbs!), to hiring, to tackling maintenance, we are doing everything we can to get ready for the summer pool season.

If you are a stockholder, remember to mark your calendar for the Tuesday, April 26th annual meeting at 6:30pm. We hope to see you there. In the meantime, see you soon at the Club.

Marc Struelens
General Manager



BUNNY BREAKFAST *and* EGG HUNT Saturday April 16th



BREAKFAST AT 10:30AM

EGG HUNT AT 11:45AM

- Egg Decorating Station
- Photo Ops with Easter Bunny
- Cookie Decorating Station

BRING YOUR OWN EASTER BASKET FOR THE 1000 EGG HUNT!

fresh fruit salad
scrambled eggs w/cheese
breakfast meats

breakfast casserole
stuffed french toast
baked cavatappi

herb baked chicken
pancake station
assorted desserts

Adults...\$16.95

Kids 5-12...\$9.95

Kids 4 & under...Complimentary

GUESTS WELCOME!

RSVP BY APRIL 14TH



Easter Sunday *Brunch*

Sunday April 17th
10am - 2pm

Bagels & Lox
Deviled Eggs
Tossed Salad w/Assorted Dressings
Fresh Fruit Salad
Stuffed French Toast
Assorted Danish Pastries
Made to order Omelet Station
Breakfast Meats

Prime Rib Carving Station
Applewood Smoked Ham
Greek Feta & Spinach Casserole
Ham & Cheese Bake
Rosemary Roasted Chicken
Scalloped Potato Au Gratin
Shrimp Cocktail (optional)
Assorted Pies & Desserts

Adults...\$29.95

Kids 5-12...\$10.95

Kids 4 & under...Complimentary



Welcome!



New Members

Dr. Donald & Maureen Ford

Zach & Monica Sottos

Christopher & Lindsey Arnold

Joshua & Ashley Lawhorn

Rob & Felicia Bohannon

Dan & Tammy Montz

Tim & Stacey DeVoght

Blake Lanum & Jessica Lester

Vince Pellegrini & Emilee Swanson

Donald Hillis & Nicole Verbeke

Aaron & Traci Bean

Alex & Karyn Janoski

Curtis Driscoll & Caliope Price

James & Mindy Skaggs

Dave & Nicole Dauphin

Mark & Rosemarie Megraw

Greg & Brooke Lehmann

Kyler Yodts

Justin & Dr. Elissa Dilks

Drew & Danette Morgan

Nan & Todd DeTaye

Tayt Hager

Hayden Moore

Wyatt Moriarity

The background of the entire image is a collage of various playing cards, including the 10 of Clubs, 2 of Spades, Ace of Diamonds, King of Spades, and 9 of Clubs. A red line with a decorative, stepped border frames the central text area. Inside this frame, a white outline of the state of Louisiana is centered.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

**SUNDAY
APRIL 10TH**

**Play starts at
1:00pm**

RSVP 309-799-3153

Spring is here and hopefully the weather will co-operate as we begin our planned activities for the month.

Ladies "Bar" Luge - April 11

This is a fun night with food and drinks. Guests are welcome. Cost \$12 per person. RSVP to the office by April 8th.

Opening Ladies Day Golf & Bridge - Thursday, April 21

In case of inclement weather, golf members play Euchre at 11:00. Stay for lunch and drinks.

Ladies Guest Day - Friday, April 29

Bring out a guest to enjoy a complimentary game of golf. (Cart fee not included) Sign up for a tee time.

Ladies Bridge Group - Contact Jane Gavin, Bridge Chairman, if you are interested.
Cell# (309) 738-1559

Thank you to Michelle Trede for agreeing to be in charge of the Nine, Wine, and Dine event scheduled in May. There will be more information to follow regarding this fun event for ladies.

The 2022 Ladies Brochure is now being worked on and we plan on having it available in May at the club. This is a guide for the planned golf, social, and bridge activities for ladies of Oakwood.

Jan Knox, President
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"The sun does not shine for a few trees and flowers, but for the wide world's joy."

-Henry Ward Beecher

LADIES NIGHT



BAR LUGE

MONDAY APRIL 11TH

Cocktails and
Assorted Appetizers

4-7pm

Guests Welcome

\$12/person

RSVP by April 8th

Save THE Date

Ladies Only Golf
Mentors & Minnows
Tuesday May 24th



Mother's Day Brunch

SUNDAY MAY 8TH

10:00am - 1:00pm

*Pool
Opens*

MAY 25TH



Buffet & Stroke Play

MONDAY MAY 30TH



Annual Meeting *Reminder*

Tuesday, April 26th
6:30pm

1067 US Hwy 6
Coal Valley, IL

A background image featuring several colorful Easter eggs (blue, purple, orange, yellow, pink) decorated with white patterns, surrounded by green herbs and small white flowers.

April

FAMILY NIGHTS

07 - Chicken Enchiladas

14 - Fried Chicken

21 - BBQ Pulled Pork or Chicken

28 - Pasta Buffet



SPECIALS MAY 5TH-7TH

****more details to come****

April 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01 APRIL FOOL'S DAY 	02 Seafood Buffet 
03	04	05	06 PIZZA  TO GO	07 Family Night Chicken Enchiladas	08	09
10 Euchre 	11 Ladies Night 	12	13 PIZZA  TO GO	14 Family Night Fried Chicken	15	16 Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch 
17 Easter Brunch 	18	19	20 PIZZA  TO GO	21 Family Night BBQ	22 COUPLES GOLF  GLOW BALL	23 TITLEIST DEMO DAY
24 TOUR EDGE CALLAWAY DEMO DAY	25	26  Annual Meeting	27 PIZZA  Men's Guest Day 	28 Family Night Pasta Buffet	29  Ladie's Guest Day	30



May 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01 TAYLORMADE DEMO DAY	02	03	04 PIZZA Ladies Clinic	05 CINCO DE MAYO Specials Men's Clinic	06 CINCO DE MAYO Specials DEMO COBRA DAY Ladies 9 Wine & Dine	07 CINCO DE MAYO Specials
08 Happy Mother's day MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH	09	10 PIZZA Men's Opening Smoker	11	12 Family Night Meatloaf Ladies Opening Gathering	13 MIZUNO DEMO DAY	14 Stroke Play Championship
15 Stroke Play Championship	16	17	18 PIZZA Ladies Clinic	19 Family Night Fried Chicken Men's Clinic	20 CLEVELAND DEMO DAY Couples Golf Fishing Night	21
22	23	24 Minnows & Mentors	25 Pool Opens Ladies Clinic	26 Family Night Cheese Manicotti Men's Clinic	27	28
29 MEMORIAL DAY Stroke Play	30	31				





2022 To Do List



- Hole in One Club: All 2021 members will be carried over to 2022.
If you would like to be added to 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 2022 Majors & John Deere Classic. Limited to the first 70 entries
- 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

- 2022 Member-Guest: **It's never too early to sign up!**
Men's - August 11th - 13th / **Women's** - July 29th
- Junior Golf: Sign up for Summer Camp
Summer Camp: Thursday afternoons in June, July, and Early August
PGA Jr. League: The little league version of golf...fun for all skill levels - 13 & under
- Golf Ball Promotions: Buy 3 dozen & get one free!
Callaway / Titleist is not running their promo this year - Special \$6 off per dz. ProV1
- Looking for some new clubs: Attend a Demo Day!
Titleist (4/23), Callaway (4/24 & 6/11), Taylormade (5/1)
Mizuno (5/13), Cobra (5/6), Tour Edge (4/24)
- Looking to Improve your Game? Sign up for a lesson or attend a clinic
 - **Men's Clinics** - Thursday @ 5:30pm - May 5th, 19th, 26th
 - Ladies Clinics - Wednesday @ 5:30pm - May 4th, 18th, 25th
 - Lesson Packages Available - Buy 4 lessons get 1 free



2022 Oakwood Golf League

Format: 9-Hole Individual Quota

Each player will play his own ball for 9 holes.

The score on each hole will determine how many points he gets for the hole.

Point System:	Double Eagle: 12 pts	Eagle: 8 pts
	Birdie: 4 pts	Par: 2 pts
	Bogey: 1 pts	Double Bogey or worse: 0

Quota: Each player will have an established quota each week

Your quota will be (18) minus their 9-hole handicap.

Quotas will be adjusted by $\frac{1}{2}$ the difference each week (ex. Your quota is 14 and you score 18 points **one week...your quota will be adjusted to 16 the following week**)

When: Tuesdays w/ Tee Times between 5:00p-6:00p
May 31 / June 7,14,21 / July 12,19,26 / August 9, 16 (rain date)

Entry Fee: \$75 per player for the season
\$10 weekly optional cash skins games

Rules: USGA Stroke Play rules will govern play along with the Oakwood Local Rules

Tees: White Tees

Note: Each player is allowed to miss (2) weeks. We will be removing the worst (2) overall scores in relation to their quota to determine the winners. Season long & weekly prizes will be awarded to the individual that is closest to or exceeds their quota.

Banquet: We will conclude the season with a banquet on August 9th to award the season long winners. The banquet will include food.

Couples Golf



GLOW BALL

Light up the night in a fun-filled night of glow ball!

6:30p Dinner & 8:00p Shotgun Start

**Format: 9 holes alternate shot couples scramble
Teams comprised of 4 - 5 couples**

Who Can Play: Couples Event - Guest Welcome

Entry Fee: \$80++ Per Couple

\$15 cart fees

\$40++ dinner

\$25 glow ball supplies

Register in the golf shop by April 16th

Limited to the first 80 signed up

309-799-5558

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Golf Shop Talk

April 2022



We have gotten off to a slow start to the season, but before you know it the sun will be out, and we will be enjoying the warmer temperatures on the golf course with our friends!

- Take a look at the member to-do list, and check off a few things on the list before the season gets in full swing.
- Put any events that you may be interested in on your calendar. The event sign up book it on the golf shop counter, and has every event for the year in it, so you can sign up at any time.
- We are going to try and revitalize the Tuesday night golf league that we had done a few year ago...check out the flyer for more info. If you have any questions, please contact the golf shop.
- If you have a junior golfer, we offer 2 great programs to get them involved in the game over the Summer. Our junior golf summer camp offers weekly instruction, and the PGA Jr. League give juniors a chance to compete, both programs offer a fun & relaxed learning environment.
- Looking for new clubs? The top brands in golf have released many great new products that can help you game! We always recommend getting fit for new clubs, so check out the dates set for our vendor demo days, and call the golf shop to set-up a time.

Chipping



In my opinion, improving your chipping is one of the easiest ways to lower your scores. Below are a few tips to help you hit your chips closer to the hole consistently.

- Get in a proper set-up position
 - 60% of weight on lead foot & Ball position just right of you belt buckle (RH golfer)
- Understand your angle of attack
 - Ideally you want the club traveling into the ball at a slightly descending angle.
- Swing on Plane
 - Make sure that the club travels down the line on the takeaway - too many people go inside early
- **Don't forget to rotate**
 - Rotation help control the angle of attack and reduces the likelihood of flipping the club.



[Click Here to visit my Youtube Channel](#)



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



Demo Days

April 23rd - Titleist 11a - 3p

April 24th - Callaway & Tour Edge 12p - 4p

May 1st - Taylormade 11a - 3p

May 6th - Cobra 2p - 6p

May 13th - Mizuno 3p - 7p

May 20th - Cleveland 12p - 4p

2022 Tournament Schedule

Front 9

April

22nd - Couples Golf Glow Ball
27th - Men's Guest Day
29th - Ladies Guest Day

May

6th - Ladies 9 Wine & Dine
11th - Men's Opening Smoker
14th & 15th - Stroke Play Championship
20th - Couples Golf Fishing Night
30th - Memorial Day Stroke Play

June

4th - Velie Cup @ Oakwood
5th - Velie Cup @ Geneva
7th - Waterman Cup @ Davenport
10th - Ladies Guest Day
12th - Super Sunday
15th - Heaven & Hell
15th - Waterman Cup @ Pinnacle
18th - Divorce Open
21st - Waterman Cup @ Oakwood
22nd - Men's Guest Day
24th - Couples Golf Karaoke Night

Back 9

July

10th - Super Sunday
13th - Men's Trifecta
22nd - Couples Golf Pool Party
24th - Parent-Child
28th - Ladies Member-Guest Pairings Party
29th - Ladies Member-Guest
30th & 31st - Club Championship

August

6th & 7th - Club Championship
11th - 13th - Men's Member-Guest
18th - Solon Golf Trip
19th - Couples Golf Trivia Night
22nd - Solheim Cup Opening Ceremony
26th & 28th - Solheim Cup

September

5th - Labor Day Stroke Play
11th - Senior Play Day
21st - Men's Closing Smoker
23rd - Couples Golf Par 3

October

2nd - Super Sunday Chili Open



2022 Guest Days



A great opportunity to bring out friends or potential new members to experience everything that Oakwood has to offer!

Please make a tee time with the golf shop.
Bring up to three guest at no charge (cart fees apply).

Men's Guest Day

Wednesday, April 27th

Wednesday, June 22nd

Ladies Guest Day

Friday, April 29th

Friday, June 10th

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PGA JLG Participants Receive

- Team Jerseys, golf balls, hat, t-shirt, back pack, and PGA JLG bag tags
- 3-4 regular season competitions plus practices
- Opportunity for advancement to post-season and All-Star teams

Program Structure

Fun team scramble format for players of every skill level

All participants get to play in every competition

Practices to help your junior golfer improve

Player Proficiency

- Advanced skills not required, must have access to a set of golf clubs
- If your child can drive, chip or putt... we have a role for them on our PGA Junior League Team!

Timeline

- April 30 is the Registration Deadline
- June - July: Regular Season (3-4 matches) & Practices (Sunday Afternoons)
- August: Postseason Qualifiers & Section Championships
- September: Regional Championship
- October: PGA JLG National Championship

You can register your junior golfer to play at <http://www.pgajlg.com/register>. Access Code: OAK

The registration fee is \$200 and includes:

Golf Instruction, Matches, 2 Uniforms, T Shirt, Back Pack, Bag Tags and Golf Balls.

Eric Drane, PGA
Oakwood Country Club
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Junior Golf Summer Camp



Instructors

Head Golf Professional	Eric Drane, PGA	eric@oakwoodgolf.org
Assistant Golf Professional	Nic Wadsager	nic@oakwoodgolf.org

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: 2nd / 9th / 16th / 23rd / 30th

July: 7th / 14th / 21st / Fun Day: July 28th

Junior Club Championship: August 4th

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!



In Loving Memory

Randy Pellegrini

Carol Sergeant

Dave Hunt

Russ Reed

Donna VanDaele



CART RAFFLE

**Win a free cart seat
for the 2022 season**

\$20 per ticket

Visit the Pro Shop for more details

****Good for one seat...non-transferrable****

BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 10AM - 5PM

FOOD SERVICE

MONDAY & TUESDAY CLOSED

WED (PIZZA TO GO ONLY) 4PM - 7PM

THURS - SATURDAY 11AM - 7:30PM

SUNDAY 11AM - 4PM

BEVERAGE SERVICE

MONDAY CLOSED

TUESDAY - SUNDAY OPEN AT 11AM

APRIL GOLF SHOP HOURS

MONDAY - 11:30AM - 5:00PM

TUESDAY - FRIDAY 8:00AM - 5:00PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY - 7:30AM - 5:00PM

The Golf Course & Practice Facility will open 30 minutes after the Golf Shop opens

Hours are subject to change.
Please call the Clubhouse in the
event of inclement weather.

309-799-3153



2022/2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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