

# Oakwood Connection



#### Fellow Members-

I started out my message last month hoping for nicer weather. Unfortunately, I have to start the MAY newsletter the same way. Hopefully when I address you in June, we will have turned the corner.

Thanks for all who attended the annual meeting or turned in proxies. We did have a quorum so were able to properly conduct the business portion of the meeting, which was the election of directors. As you know, the three incumbent Directors, Stephanie Crompton, Gary McCormick and Kirk Trede ran unopposed, and were re-elected for a three-year term which expires at the annual meeting in 2025. We will not have uncontested elections every year. There will be years when board members make the decision to not re-run. I would encourage anyone who would like to consider running for the Board to get involved in a committee or reach out to me to discuss. I'm happy to help anyone with an interest in running to get their name in the hopper for nomination.

For those who could not attend the annual meeting, some highlights from 2021/2022 and some challenges and opportunities on the horizon:

- Positive financial results for the 21/22 fiscal year. Operating profit of just over \$90,000.
- As a result of the CARES Act, which ended June 2021, we were able to transfer \$145,000 to the
  capital fund. This enabled us to complete some much-needed projects in 21/22 and provides a nice
  start to the current year in terms of capital funds available.
- New Cart fleet in the spring of 2021. Due to unprecedented low interest rates at the time, we
  financed the fleet in lieu of leasing like in the past. We believe this provides us greater flexibility on
  the back end in terms of replacing the fleet in the future.
- Membership growth in 21/22 contributed greatly to our financial results in all areas of operations.
- Membership growth is off to a good start in 22/23. We are already 15 golf members over our budgeted levels.
- The minimum wage continues to increase and will be a challenge for the Club financially as it is fully phased in over the next three years.
- In addition to the minimum wage increase, virtually all costs of doing business are increasing, as
  you are all aware of as you go to the grocery store or to fill your car up with gas.
- While we have a vision for some improvements and enhancements we'd like to make to the club, we need to remain fiscally responsible at the same time.

Despite challenges mentioned above, I remain optimistic about the 2022/2023 fiscal year and beyond. Our focus will be to continue the membership growth trajectory we have seen, remain fiscally responsible in running the Club and continue to find ways to enhance the member experience.

Regards,

#### Dear Members,

The weather was not really there for us in April, rounds of golf were down by 230 rounds when compared to April 2021. On the positive side, food & beverage were able to make up for the difference in revenue. Our seafood buffet and Easter events were well attended with just shy of 300 people for our Easter Sunday Brunch.

The club had its annual meeting recently, below are some of the slides illustrating how well the club is doing in terms of membership. Thanks to everyone for your recruiting efforts, and tell your friends that initiation fee is going up by \$250 on June ist!

Since March 1st, we have added 23 new golfing members, 6 social members and a handful of Juniors. We traditionally see a significant growth of social and junior members in May. I am looking forward to reporting higher numbers next month.

One of the topics addressed at the meeting was how challenging it is to recruit staff. The biggest challenge of all is to find kitchen help so, if you know of anyone interested in this line of work, please have them contact us. This said, we are fortunate due to our location, because the other positions (pool, dining, pro-shop, grounds) are not as hard to fill since there is not as much competition in this area for the limited pool of applicants. This said, as warmer days are approaching, we strongly encourage you to make a reservation for lunch or dinner. This will ensure we can plan for your arrival and provide you with the best service possible. If dining on the patio, we ask you to stop by the hostess stand to make sure we can accommodate you. Looking forward to seeing you at the Club soon.

Thank you,

Marc Struelens General Manager





## **March 2022**

Dr. Donald & Maureen Ford

Zach & Monica Sottos

Christopher & Lindsey Arnold

Joshua & Ashley Lawhorn

Rob & Felicia Bohannon

Dan & Tammy Montz

Tim & Stacey DeVooght

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. Ellissa Dilks

Drew & Danette Morgan

Nan & Todd DeTaye

Tayt Hager

Hayden Moore

Wyatt Moriarity

# <u>April 2022</u>

Joseph & Vickie Takes

Mark & Theresa Cooley

Ben & Kelli Wiggins

Kyle Verdon

Rick & Laura McDonald

Darrell & Chassie Peck

Greg & Corey Dombrowski

Marcus Keimig & Natalie Schiltz

Chad & Jennifer Bennett

Michael & Linda Hillbloom

## Ladies of Oakwood Organization

The weather is slowly changing and the course is in great condition and there are so many fun events to participate in as we move forward. Please take advantage of all that is offered here at our club.

May Events -

Ladies 9, Wine & Dine - 6th - Fun social mixer and golf event for all levels of golfers

Ladies Spring Gathering - 12th - ALL Ladies of Oakwood -

Cocktails, Hors d'oeuvres & Meeting

Ladies Golf Clinics - 4th, 18th, 25th

Mother's Day Brunch - 8th

Mentors and Minnows (Ladies Only Golf) - 25th

Pool Opens - May 25th

Memorial Day - Stroke Play

THURSDAYS - Ladies Golf (inclement weather - cards) and Bridge

Please join us! ALL ladies are welcome!

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"There are always flowers for those who want to see them."
-Henri Matisse



# Specials

Thursday, May 5th thru Saturday, May 7th

## Salsa Verde Chicken Enchilada

served w/Mexican street corn & rice

\$12.95 ++ person

\*\*available while supplies last\*\*

# Margarita Kit

Tequila + Margarita Mix + Salt + Lime

House Tequila \$8 \$6

Bruce's Margarita (Patron & Grand Marnier) \$12 \$10

# Ladies Wine & Dine



# FRIDAY, MAY 6TH

4:00pm Shotgun Start

Entry Fee: \$30 ++ per person \$10 cart fee \$20 appetizers & wine

> Enjoy a nice & relaxing afternoon on the course with friends and a Mexican Themed Buffet & Margaritas after play!

Who can play: Golf, LTD, Social - Women Guests Welcome!

Register in the Golf Shop by May 2nd

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# MAY 12 2022

OAKWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

Pizza Dip

Jalapeno Cheddar Bites

Chicken Sate w/Peanut Sauce

Salami-Cheese-Olive-Pepperoni Skewers

Bacon Cheese Ball w/Assorted Crackers

Hawaiian Rolls w/Herb Cream Cheese, Ham, & Lettuce

\$16 ++ RSVP by May 9th \$20 ++ RSVP after May 9th

48 Hour Cancellation Policy

Cancellations or modifications are required 48 hours prior to event or charges will be posted per your reservation.

# Men's Opening Smoker

# Wednesday, May 11th 12:00p Shotgun

Bring out some friends or get together with a group of members, and enjoy a great day of golf & dinner!

Format: Individual Stroke Play

3 of 4 Best Ball

Flag Events

Tees: White, White-Gold, Gold

Who Can Play: Men's Event - Guest Welcome

Entry Fee: \$65++ Per Player

\$15 cart fee

\$20 prizes

\$30++ dinner

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# Stroke Play Championship May 14th & 15th

## Format:

36 Holes of Individual Stroke Play 18 Holes Saturday & 18 Holes Sunday

## Divisions:

Men & Women - Gross & Net



## Who Can Play:

Men & Women - Member Only

## Cost:

\$25 per player (prizes & trophies)



Light up the night in a fun-filled night of glow ball! 7:15p Dinner & 8:45p 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 May 14th Limited to the first 80 signed up

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# Tuesday, May 24th 5:00pm

All ladies of Oakwood and guests are invited to attend this fun free event hosted by the Ladies Golf Association

Novice golfers are paired with an experienced mentor to join them on the course for the day

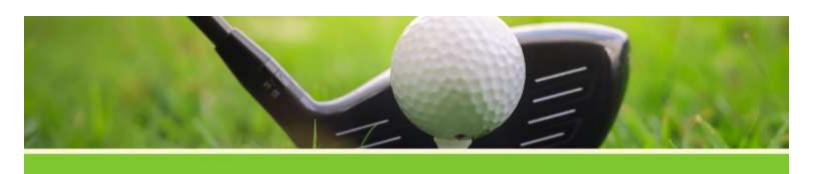
Sign up in the Pro Shop by May 20th 309-799-5558

# May 2022



# June 2022

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happy 19	20	21	Men's	JR GOLF Family Night	COUPLES GOLF Karaoke	25
26			Guest	BRISKET SANDWICH		
20	27	28	29	JR GOLF		
				Family Night PIZZA		
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Sunday, May 22nd 3:00pm - 5:00pm

(meet in front of Pro Shop)

# Complimentary Beverages & Hors d'oeuvres Following

Call 309-799-3153 to Sign Up

\*\*Please sign up by Friday, May 20th to ensure we can reward everyone appropriately with food & drinks\*\*









Pool Hours

Monday: noon - 5pm

Tuesday - Sunday: 11am - 7pm

Snack Shack Hours

Monday: closed

Tuesday - Sunday: noon - 6pm





Play in your normal game, but before you tee it up, sign up to compete in our Memorial Day Stroke Play Event.

#### Format:

18 holes - Stroke Play - Gross & Net Divisions

### Who Can Play:

Men & Women - Member Only

Cost: \$15 per person (prizes)



May 30th 11am - 6pm



\$12.99 adults \$8.99 5-12yrs \$2.99 0-4yrs

Grilled Pork Tenderloin
Hamburgers
Chicken Fingers
Brats (garlic/cheddar/original)
Bacon Wrapped Hot Dogs

Cucumber Salad Cole Slaw Pasta Salad Baked Beans Kettle Chips

# Golf Shop Talk

May 2022



#### This month at Oakwood...

1st - Taylormade Demo Day 11a - 3p

6th - Ladies 9 Wine & Dine - 4p SG Cobra Demo Day 2p - 6p

11th - Men's Opening Smoker - 12p SG

13th - Mizuno Demo Day 3p - 7p

14th & 15th - Stroke Play Championship

17th - Interclub @ Geneva

20th - Couples Golf Glow Ball

24th - Ladies Minnows & Mentors

30th - Memorial Day Stroke Play



## NE Iowa Interclub Schedule

May 17th - Geneva CC (Away)

May TBD - Elmcrest CC (Home)

June 14th - Thunder Hills CC (Home)

June 28th - Hunters Ridge (Away)

July 13th - TPC Deere Run (Away)

July 19th - The Meadows (Home)

August 17th - Dubuque GC (Home)

August 30th - Sunnyside CC (Away)

Let me know if you are interested in playing in any of these matches!

## Golf Shop Spotlight





# Golf Tips - Ball Position

Early in a new golf season, it can be hard to "find you swing". I have always found that going "back to the basics" helps me get back on track to hitting more consistent shots early in the season. One thing that can immediately have a negative effect on your swing as a whole is ball position. Take a look at the picture below where I am demonstrating where certain clubs should be played in your stance.



#### Ball Position Guidelines

Driver - Lead Heel

Woods - Inside Lead Heel

Long Irons - Lead Ear

Mid Irons - Left of Belt Buckle

Short Irons - Middle of Stance

#### Playing the ball too far back can cause these problems...

Shots move to the right because the club does not have time to square up

A reverse tilt in the downswing - resulting in poor contact that is often heavy

#### Playing the ball too far forward can cause these problems...

Shot that move to the left because the club has over-rotated as it approaches impact A sway into the ball on the downswing resulting in poor contact this is often thin

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# 2022 Golf Clinics

#### Instructors

Head Golf Professional Eric Drane, PGA

Who: Open to golfers of all abilities

What: 60 minutes of golf instruction free of charge

When: Women - Wednesday @ 5:30p

Men - Thursday @ 5:30p

Where: Meet on the Putting Green

Cost: FREE



Men's Clinic Dates

## <u>Ladies Clinic Dates</u>

May 4th Full Swing May 5th Full Swing

May 18th Chipping May 19th Chipping

May 25th Putting May 26th Putting

# 2022 Putters Hot List

## Titleist Scotty Cameron









To this day, Scotty continues to design the world's finest milled putters using innovative methods, new materials, classic as well as modern shapes, and concepts focused on creating clubs that perform on the game's greatest stages, as well as in the hands of everyday players around the globe who appreciate his expression of the Art of Putting

## Odyssey









Our Stroke Lab putters actually help improve the golfer's stroke, including backswing length, face angle at impact, head speed through impact and tempo, all through a profound change in weight distribution made possible by an innovative new shaft. This is a completely new approach and only Odyssey has it.

## Taylormade









Spider GT sets a new standard in terms of performance and contemporary construction. The modern wing design has sharp angular features and extreme perimeter weighting for optimal forgiveness and roll. So, no matter how you look at it, it's stability from every angle.



# 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

#### <u> April</u>

27th - Men's Guest Day

29th - Ladies Guest Day

#### <u>May</u>

6th - Ladies 9 Wine & Dine

11th - Men's Opening Smoker

14th & 15th - Stroke Play Championship

20th - Couples Golf Glow Ball

30th - Memorial Day Stroke Play

#### <u>June</u>

4th - Velie Cup @ Geneva

5th - Velie Cup @ Oakwood

7th - Waterman Cup @ Davenport

10th - Ladies Guest Day

12th - Super Sunday

15th - Heaven & Hell

Waterman Cup @ Pinnacle

18th - Divorce Open

21st - Waterman Cup @ Oakwood

22nd - Men's Guest Day

24th - Couples Golf Trivia Night



## Back 9

#### **July**

10th - Super Sunday

12th - Ladies Interclub @ Crow Valley

20th - 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 Fishing Night

21st- 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

# Reciprocal Golf Programs



Open Rounds gives access to members to clubs all across the United States that they would not normally have access to. To take advantage of Open Rounds, you must first set-up an account. Once your member status is verified, you will be able to log in an check out all of the courses that are available under this reciprocal program.



Thunder Hills Country Club Peosta, IA

Rate: Cart Fee Only



Burlington Golf Club Burlington, IA

Rate: Cart Fee Only



Geneva Country Club Muscatine, IA

Rate: Cart Fee Only

In addition to the programs & club agreements above. If you are ever interested in playing another club in the area of out of town, don't hesitate to contact the golf professional staff. We are always happy to make a phone call to see if we can accommodate your reciprocal request.

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