



HELLO  
*August*

OAKWOOD CONNECTION



## President's Message

Fellow members-

I hope you all had a chance to read my message of July 27 regarding Marc's upcoming retirement. We are going to miss Marc, he has done a lot for our Club in his 2 plus years at the helm, and he has put a lot of programs and initiatives in motion that should serve the next manager well. A search committee will be formed very soon and we'll get to the task of selecting a new manager. If you know of anyone with the right skillset looking for an opportunity like this, don't hesitate to reach out to me. As the process unfolds, we will keep the membership updated. In the meantime, I have no doubt that Marc and the rest of our staff will continue performing like they always have to serve our members well.

Please join me in welcoming chef Dan Crabtree to Oakwood. I have heard positive comments about the food so far, and as Marc mentions in his article, look for a new menu coming up this fall.

As a result of our solid membership growth over the last couple of years, we are not planning any kind of a discounted fall membership special. There will of course be a dues proration for members who join between now and the end of the year. If you know of a prospective member, as usual, send them Marc's way. He can provide all the information they need about the Club and the prorated dues structure.

August 31 will mark the halfway point of the Club's fiscal year. Despite all the inflationary challenges we are facing, our financial results so far are positive compared to the budget. As you recall, we budgeted very conservatively in terms of membership growth, and we have exceeded that, which has resulted in a positive uptick in dues revenue. Food and beverage net have not met budget, primarily due to the inflationary impact on costs, but we are keeping a close eye on that situation. Inflation has of course impacted costs in all areas, but so far, we have managed those effectively.

There is still a lot of pool and golf time remaining, so come out and enjoy all the Club has to offer. Have a great August, everyone.

Kind regards,

Steve McCann, Board President



Dear Members,

As is the case every year, August is a synonym of the end of the summer for those who must head back to school, college, or work. This means our summer staff is leaving us, yet we are still going strong. So, we will adapt to this new reality, and you will see some changes, mainly to the pool and some to the bag room staff. We will have more "swim at your own risk" times and the snack bar hours might be modified as well starting around mid-month. We will post and email you revised hours of operation soon. However, this will not impact the pool hours. As is the case every year, we plan to stay open until Sunday, September 18th.

Join me in welcoming Chef Dan Crabtree. Chef Dan has taken over the kitchen management's responsibilities with gusto since arriving mid-July! Chef Dan is originally from the Fort Meyers area. He made his way to the Midwest progressively. Locally, he worked most notably at Monarch, The 5th Street Syndicate, and the Foundry. Once he is settled in, please expect a new menu coming up this fall.

As the summer is slowly wrapping up, as you know, I plan to do the same professionally. My objective is to retire in the upcoming months. A search for a replacement will be underway soon. Until then, I plan to perform my duties as before so, do not hesitate to reach out.

I cannot thank you all enough for the opportunity to be part of the Oakwood journey for the past 2.5 years. When the time comes, I will leave the club with only one regret: not having arrived here sooner. But I am really pleased with the improvements we have made together, the most notable being: membership growth.

When I interviewed for the job in January 2020, I talked about the idea of "polishing the gem". The gem being this great club. This concept drove many decisions made by the Board, the committees, and the staff. With every committee, we implemented programs that boosted the value of a membership at Oakwood. The results are visible, but many happened behind the scenes. So many maintenance issues for example, have been tackled by the house & grounds committee and more are planned for the future. But many issues are still in need of attention, most notably the pool. With the entertainment committee we infused new events in the calendar that catered to different membership segments. The membership committee positioned the club to be a real contender for new members in this community.

Many thanks to the staff who work long hours, nights, and weekends for your enjoyment. The improvements we have made would not have been possible without their assistance. This grueling schedule for over 30 years is part of why it is time for me to enjoy a more relaxed pace.

In closing, thank you for the opportunity to work with the Board of Directors who gave me the latitude to try new things and their guidance and support when needed. When the time comes, I will leave with only fond memories of my time at Oakwood. Until then, you can count on me to polish the gem.

Marc Struelens, General Manager



## **AUGUST Newsletter 2022 – Ladies of Oakwood Organization**

**July has been hot and humid as usual so take advantage of our nice pool if it is too hot for you to golf. There is now a nine hole golf group playing in the afternoon, please check with the pro shop for further information. Unfortunately, Ladies Member Guest was canceled due to lack of sign up.**

### **August Events –**

**Club Championship - 6th**

**Ladies Only Pool Party – 8th (3:00 to 7:00)**

**Draw Group Road Trip -11th (Due to Men's Member Guest)**

**Couples Golf/Fishing Night – 19th**

**Solheim Cup Opening Ceremony – 21st**

**Solheim Cup 26th – @12:30 pm & 28th @ 11:00 am – Golf Event**

**THURSDAYS – Ladies Day Golf (inclement weather – cards) and Bridge**

**Keep updated on events with flyers that are posted in the ladies locker room bulletin boards. Watch for emails regarding events and for any changes that could occur due to the weather.**

**Please join us! ALL ladies are welcome.**

**Jan Knox, President**

***“You will find something more in woods than in books. Trees and stones will teach that which you can never learn from masters.” –  
Saint Bernard of Clairvaux***





*Ladies Only*  
MENTORS &  
MINNOWS

**Wednesday, August 3rd**  
**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 July 30th**  
**309-799-5558**



# 2022

# Interclub

**August 5th** - Oakwood @ Hunters Ridge - 11:30am

**August 17th** - Dubuque GC @ Oakwood - 1:00pm

**August 30th** - Oakwood @ Sunnyside CC - 1:00pm

A season long interclub competition between area clubs. 6 matches are played throughout the year, and a finale hosted by one of the clubs in late September.

Format: 2-man teams compete in a 1 of 2 best ball match play format.

Team: 8 players per match - Pro & Scratch + 6 members that play using their handicaps.

Cost: \$20 per match (cart, appetizers following play)



# **SIGN UP NOW FOR** *Club Championship*



JULY 30TH & 31ST  
AUGUST 6TH & 7TH

## **THIS IS A MATCH PLAY EVENT TO DETERMINE THE** **2022 CLUB CHAMPIONS** **18 HOLE MATCH PLAY FORMAT**

### **MEN COMPETE IN 5 FLIGHTS:**

- \*CHAMPIONSHIP & A FLIGHT CONTESTED  
OVER 2 WEEKENDS
- \*B, C, D FLIGHTS CONTESTED OVER  
1ST WEEKEND

### **WOMEN COMPETE IN 4 FLIGHTS:**

- \*ALL FLIGHTS CONTESTED OVER 2ND  
WEEKEND

**WHO CAN PLAY: MEMBER ONLY - MEN & WOMEN**

**COST: \$25 PER PERSON (\$15 PRIZES \$10 TROPHIES)**

**REGISTER IN THE GOLF SHOP BY JULY 27TH (309)799-5558**

# LADIES ONLY POOL PARTY



**Mon August 8th | Wed September 7th**

**Ladies...join us from 3:00pm to 7:00pm for a  
Ladies ONLY pool party.**

**- No kids or men allowed, sorry. -**

**This is YOUR time to enjoy the pool.  
Bar will be open so libations will be available!**

**No RSVP required.**



# Golf Shop Talk

*August 2022*



## This month at Oakwood...

3rd - Mentors & Minnows Clinic  
4th - Jr. Club Championship  
5th - Interclub @ Hunters Ridge  
6th - Club Championship - Ladies  
7th - Club Championship - Ladies  
11th - 13th - **Men's Member-Guest**  
17th - Interclub vs. Dubuque GC  
19th - Couples Golf - Fishing Night  
20th & 21st - QC Am Tour  
21st - Solheim Cup Opening Ceremony  
26th & 28th - Solheim Cup



*Bad Birdie*



**TAIL**



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**PUMA**





# New Green Tees

Green tees have been added to provide another option for members looking to **enjoy themselves more on the golf course. These tees are perfect for...**

Senior Men & Women

Junior Golfers

Beginners

We are currently in the process of having these tees rated.

Players will play a combo of Red & Green Tees

Tees in fairway are green yardage plates

## Green Tee Location

- #1 - Right Side of Fairway - 343 yards
- #4 - Right Side of Fairway - 262 yards
- #5 - Right Side of Fairway - 250 yards
- #6 - Center of Fairway - 227 yards
- #12 - Right Side of Fairway - 250 yards
- #15 - Left Side of Fairway - 380 yards
- #16 - New Tee Box - 215 yards
- #17 - New Tee Box - 115 yards
- #18 - New Tee Box - 290 yards



Red/Green Front 9 Yardage - 2171

Red/Green Back 9 Yardage - 2285

Red/Green Total Yardage - 4456



# *Men's* **MEMBER GUEST**

**August 11th, 12th and 13th**

Sign up for this premier event that Oakwood Country Club has to offer each year. 2-Man teams will play five 9 hole matches over the course of two days to determine who will be crowned the **2022 Men's Member-Guest Champions!**

**Thursday August 11th**     Registration, Practice Round, Par 3 Shootout

**Friday August 12th**     Breakfast, Match 1, Lunch, Match 2 & 3  
Dinner & Entertainment

**Saturday August 13th**     Breakfast, Match 4 & 5, Lunch, Shootout  
Cocktail Hour & Awards

**For more details & to register contact Eric Drane, PGA**  
**[eric@oakwoodgolf.org](mailto:eric@oakwoodgolf.org)**  
**309-799-5558**












# August 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01	02	03 PIZZA Minnows & Mentors	04 JR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FAMILY NIGHT PIZZA	05 Interclub @ Hunters Ridge	06 CLUB Championship
07 CLUB Championship	08 Ladies Only Pool Party	09	10 PIZZA	11 Mens Member Guest Practice Round & Par 3 FAMILY NIGHT BEER BRINED PORK LOIN	12 *No a la carte dining Mens Member Guest	13 *Pizza to go ONLY Mens Member Guest
14	15	16	17 PIZZA Interclub vs DBQ (home)	18 FAMILY NIGHT GARLIC BASIL PENNE PASTA W/CHICKEN	19 COUPLES GOLF FISHING NIGHT	20 QC Am Tour
21 QC Am Tour Solheim Cup Opening Ceremony	22	23	24 PIZZA	25 FAMILY NIGHT BBQ	26 12:30pm Solheim Cup Round 1	27
28 11:00am Solheim Cup Round 2	29	30 Interclub @ Sunnyside	31 PIZZA			





# September 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				01 Solon Golf Trip  FAMILY NIGHT STUFFED CHICKEN	02	03
04	05 LABOR DAY  BUFFET RED, WHITE & BLUE BEST BALL	06 COURSE  for aerification	07 PIZZA  Ladies Only Pool Party	08 FAMILY NIGHT FRIED CHICKEN	09 Ladies  9, Wine and Dine	10
11  Senior Play Day	12	13	14 PIZZA 	15 FAMILY NIGHT BLACKENED CATFISH	16  Tournament of Champions @ Pinnacle	17
18 Spruce the Course Volunteer Party  Pool closes for the season 	19	20	21 PIZZA  Men's Closing Smoker 	22 FAMILY NIGHT MANGOLIAN BEEF STIRFRY	23  COUPLES GOLF PAR 3	24
25	26	27	28 PIZZA 	29 FAMILY NIGHT BRISKET	30	





# Cap Patrol Handicap Service

This year we will be partnering with a third party handicap service called Cap Patrol. Cap Patrol is an additional program to GHIN - you will still be posting all of your scores to the GHIN server. Below is an outline of the benefits that Cap Patrol offers to Oakwood.

## Problems Solved

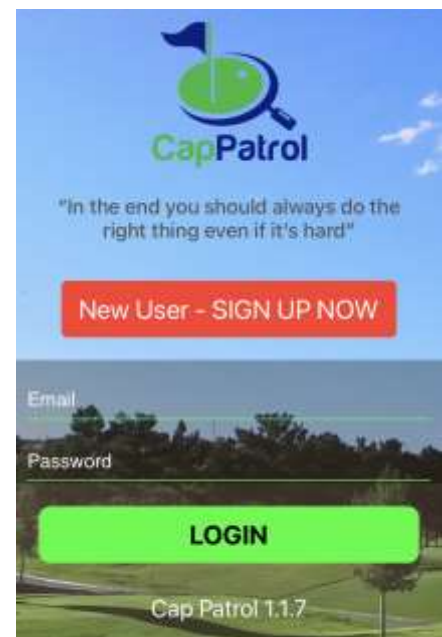
- Stay in compliance with the World Handicap System guidelines to monitor and have available for peer review fellow members handicap index, scores and tournament performance
- Minimize confrontations and bad feelings with members by using data to back up adjustments to members handicaps
- Treats all players the same by electronically monitoring every handicap index per World Handicap System recommendation
- Creates level playing field for all members in tournaments
- By harnessing the data, we provide the golf staff and committee members objective information to more effectively fulfill their roles and remove many delicate issues that can lead to member and golfer disenfranchisement.

## Some of the Benefits

- Ensures more diverse group of high finishers in all your tournaments
- Shows all other clubs that you are monitoring all your handicap indexes to ensure fair play
- Members all receive a fun app to track their own play in more detail

## What you need to do

- Download the Cap Patrol App
- Register for an account - you will need your GHIN #
- Continue to post your scores using GHIN







# Golf Tips - Tilt & Rotation

How the body tilts & rotates is one of the most important aspects of the swing. A lot of times common mistakes like coming over the top are caused by an improper tilt and rotation.

Below are a few things you want to try and avoid in order to allow yourself to swing properly.

**DON'T** - Lean the upper body towards the target on the backswing

- The majority of the time, this will lead to the upper body tilting away from the target on the downswing resulting in poor contact behind the golf ball

**DO** - Keep your core over the ball as you rotate into your backswing

- Focus on turning your chest away from the ball on the backswing without swaying off the ball.

**DON'T** - Rotate the shoulder too flat

- This often leads to an inside & flat backswing, which commonly results in the club swinging down steeply and over the top on the downswing.

**DO** - Feel like the lead shoulder tilts down on the backswing

- This feeling will help you swing the arms on the proper plane and avoid getting the club swinging inside on the backswing and over the top on the downswing.

## QUICK SWING TILT DRILL

Hold a club across your shoulders by crossing your arms across your chest

Position the handle of the club on the lead/target side of your body

In the backswing get the handle to point at the ball or where the ball would be

Allow the trail side to extend and the trail knee to straighten

The lead side should feel low and the trail side high as it stretches and extends

Repeat these feels as the swing moves into the downswing and follow through

In the post impact portion of the swing the trail side lowers/shortens while the lead side will elevate and extend





# COUPLES GOLF

# FISHING NIGHT

Friday August 19th

5:45pm Shotgun Start  
Dinner following play



Couples Event -  
Guests Welcome

9 holes alternate shot couples  
Teams comprised of 4-5 couples

Entry Fee: \$65++ per couple  
\$15 cart fees, \$40++ dinner, \$10 fishing supplies

Register in the Pro Shop by August 15th

# 2022 Men's Trifecta Results

## Net Division

1<sup>st</sup> – Steve Hayes & Todd Nelson (-11) \$160

2<sup>nd</sup> – Jeff Tubbs & Beau Brandt (-11) \$100

3<sup>rd</sup> – Steve Kratzberg Jr. & Chad Bloomfield (-7) \$65

## Gross Division

1<sup>st</sup> – Eric Spurgetis & Luke Lofgren (-4) \$130

2<sup>nd</sup> – Brad Muller & Joel Oltman (+3) \$85

## Flag Events - \$25 Shop Credit

Hole #3 – Don DeLeu

Hole #8 – Kyler Yodts

Hole #14 – Brian Pearson

Hole #17 – Gabe Beardsley

## Skins Game

### Gross Skins \$20 each

#1 – Spurgetis & Lofgren

#2 – Hayes & Nelson

#4 – Hayes & Nelson

#6 – Spurgetis & Lofgren

#8 – Tubbs & Brandt

#9 – Bloomfield & Kratzberg

#12 – Spurgetis & Lofgren

#18 – Bloomfield & Kratzberg

#1 – Williams & Purdy

#3 – Bloomfield & Kratzberg

#9 – Pearson & Wallace

### Net Skins \$17 each

#2 – Hayes & Nelson

#3 – Bush & Greeno

#4 – Hayes & Nelson

#7 – Hayes & Nelson

#8 – Tubbs & Brandt

#9 – Bloomfield & Kratzberg

#10 – Kappeler & Edwards

#18 – Bloomfield & Kratzberg

#1 – Williams & Purdy

#3 – Bloomfield & Kratzberg

#5 – McCann & Maloney

#6 – Vincel & Peterson

#9 – Pearson & Wallace



## 2022 Parent / Child – July 24<sup>th</sup>

### Father / Son (18 Holes)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jim & Tyler Pitlik - \$35  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mitch & Cullen Heckenkamp - \$25  
3<sup>rd</sup> Kirk & Karson Trede \$20  
4<sup>th</sup> Aaron & Logan Bean \$10

### Father / Son (9 Holes)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rob & Brendin Bohannon - \$25  
2<sup>nd</sup> Chad & Colton Bloomfield - \$15

### Father / Daughter (18 Holes)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Chris & Sam Cramer - \$15

### Father / Daughter (9 Holes)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Michael & Madeline Robertson - \$25  
2<sup>nd</sup> Brad & Zoey Muller - \$15

### Mother / Daughter (18 Holes)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sandy & Haley Robertson - \$15

### Mother / Daughter (9 Holes)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Stacy & Cecelia Neises - \$15

### Adult / Child (18 Holes)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tim & Dennis Knox - \$30  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bobby Bowling & Mark Willard - \$20

### Adult / Child (9 Holes)

- 1<sup>st</sup> John Westensee & Andy George - \$20  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jerry & Ethan Moore - \$10



### Closest to the Pin Flag Event Winners – Oakwood Towel

- #3 – Matt Orozco  
#8 – Avery Mielke  
#14 – Logan Bean  
#17 – Dennis Knox

# SOLHEIM CUP

Opening Ceremony

Aug. 21st @ 5:00p

Round 1

Aug. 26th @ 12:30p

Round 2

Aug. 28th @ 11:00a

Red vs. Blue

Who will bring home the cup this year?



# LABOR DAY

## Buffet

**Monday September 5th**  
**11am - 5pm**



Adults \$17.99 | Kids 5-10yrs \$8.99 | Kids 4 & under \$4.99

Buffet Set Up in Dining Room. Enjoy it inside or poolside

***\*\*Reservations Encouraged\*\****

BBQ Ribs (Plated)  
Grilled Pork Tenderloin  
Cajun Grilled Chicken  
Bacon Wrapped Hot Dogs  
Burgers & Chicken Fingers  
Johnsonville Brats

Greek Feta Dip w/ Chips  
Tomato Cucumber Salad  
Pasta Salad  
Baked Beans  
Grilled Corn on the Cob  
Peach Cobbler w/ ice cream

# Super Sunday Results

*July 10th*

## Team Results

1<sup>st</sup> (\$100 team)

Jason Lewis

Jon DeDecker

Bill Redden

Deb Kell

2<sup>nd</sup> (\$80 team)

Joel Oltman

Todd Nelson

Donna Edwards

Mary Curran

## Closest to the Pin

#8 Denise Killion

#14 Jason Lewis

## Long Putt

#6 Jason Lewis

#12 Vikki Lagerstrom







**Pool closes for  
the season  
Sunday  
September 18th**



# **Spruce the Course Volunteer Party**



**Sunday September 18th**

more details to follow...

A background image showing several slices of watermelon and whole strawberries arranged on a rustic wooden surface. The watermelon slices are cut into various shapes, including a large triangular slice at the top and several heart-shaped slices in the foreground. The strawberries are scattered around the watermelon.

### **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 - 6PM

### **BEVERAGE SERVICE**

MONDAY CLOSED

TUESDAY - FRIDAY OPEN AT 10AM

SATURDAY - SUNDAY OPEN AT 8AM

### **AUGUST GOLF SHOP HOURS**

MONDAY - 11:30AM - 5:00PM

TUESDAY - FRIDAY 7:30AM - 5:00PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY - 6:30AM - 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**





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